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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY

OF

DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,

DECEMBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH,

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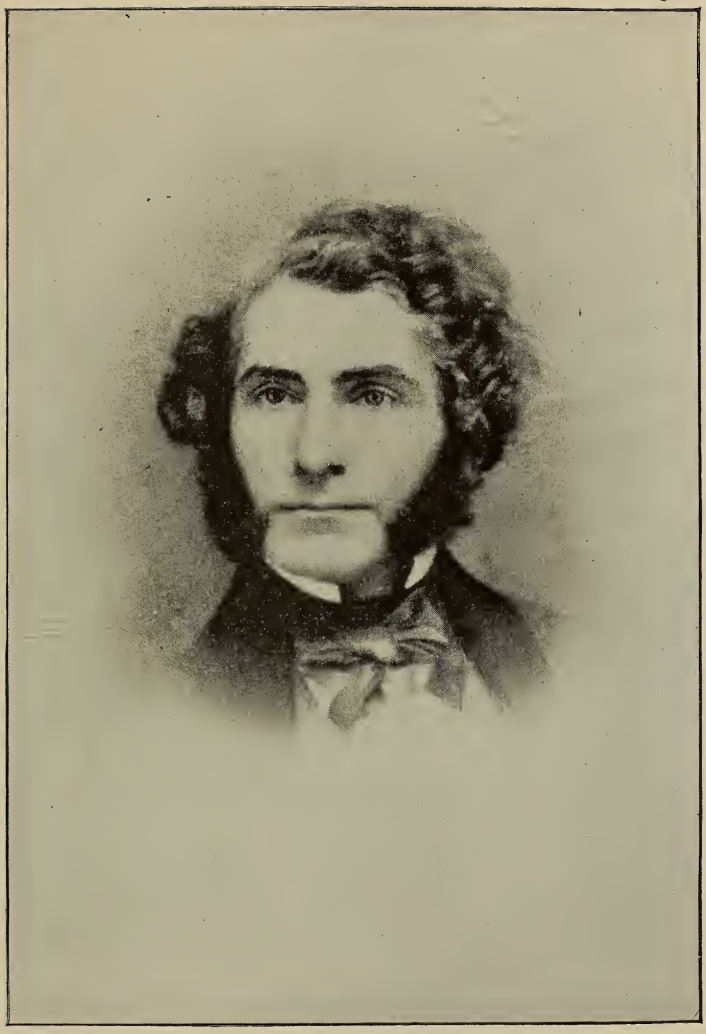
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"A Jubilee shall that Fiftieth Year be unto you."
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Rev. Harvey D. Kitchel, D. D.

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INTRODUCTORY.

AT the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church of Detroit, held on Wednesday evening, January 17, 1894, a resolution was unanimously adopted to celebrate in a fitting manner the Jubilee, or fiftieth, anniversary of the organization of the Church, and to this end the pastor was instructed to appoint a committee of seven, of which two should be members designated by the Ecclesiastical Society connected with the Church, and to which the pastor should be added as its chairman. To this committee was referred, in the words of the resolution, "the whole subject of a suitable celebration of this interesting event, with power to make such arrangements, adopt such a program, fix upon such a time, and incur such needful expenses as they may, in their discretion, deem necessary and proper."

In accordance with the terms of these instructions the following committee was subsequently appointed: Mr. Henry E. Baker, Mr. George R. Angell, Mr. Ford H. Rogers, Miss Martha S. Warner, Miss Caroline Crosman, Mr. Frank C. Pingree and Mr. Henry A. Chaney, the last-named two representing the Society. Subsequently, by the sudden and lamented death of Mr. Chaney, and the resignation of Miss Crosman, who was so closely confined to the bedside of a sick sister as to prevent her attendance upon the meetings, Mr. Frank E. Robson and Mrs. Walter P. Manton were added to the committee.

Rev. W. H. Davis, D. D., was made chairman of the committee, and Miss Warner was chosen its secretary. After various meetings and extended consultation a complete program of exercises was formulated, and is published in full immediately following this introductory statement. It was determined that the observance of the anniversary should extend over a period of three days, and that the same dates should be adopted as were fixed upon at the Quarter Centennial celebration, viz.: December 8, 9 and 10, and for the same reason, to wit: to avoid a conflict with the usual holiday festivities, and because this period is midway between the first meeting held

looking to the formation of the Church, and the date of its actual organization. Deacon George M. Lane was invited to prepare the Historical Address, and Deacon Henry E. Baker the Memorial, having reference to the deceased members during the quarter-centennial period just closing. The committee also invited the preparation of two original hymns to be sung during the exercises. Invitations to attend the anniversary meetings were directed to be sent to all former members of the Church residing in and away from the city, whose names and residences were known, and special requests of like purport were ordered transmitted to the two surviving pastors, Rev. Drs. Harvey D. Kitchel and Addison Ballard, also soliciting their participation in the exercises. An urgent invitation to be present was likewise forwarded to Mrs. Marietta P. Cook, one of the three surviving charter members, living at South Orange, N. J., at the age of 86.

The program of exercises, as agreed upon, and hereinafter published complete, was fully carried out. The church was tastefully and appropriately decorated, and all the services were very generally participated in by the members and a goodly number of former attendants and outside friends. Special arrangements were made to secure the presence of all aged and infirm members to share with those more free from disability the peculiar privileges and enjoyment of the rare occasion. In brief, it may here be said: After a cordial address of welcome by the pastor at the opening service on Saturday evening, December 8, the Historical Address was read by Deacon Lane. On Sunday morning a discourse appropriate to the time was delivered by the pastor; at noon the Sunday school held a special session, devoted chiefly to addresses of a reminiscential character; in the afternoon at 3:30 the Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed, Rev. Drs. Kitchel and Ballard officiating; and in the evening the Memorial Address was read by Deacon Baker. On Monday evening, from 7 to 8:30, a most enjoyable reception was given in the chapel to the three living pastors of the Church and Mrs. Davis, wife of the present pastor, and the three surviving members of the original thirteen, viz.: Deacon Francis Raymond, Mrs. Ruth Raymond and Mrs. Marietta P. Cook. This was largely attended. Light refreshments were served by the ladies of the Church during the evening, while in the main audience room a musical program of great excellence was rendered by the combined choir, chorus and orchestra connected with the Sunday school. Following this musical entertainment came

brief services of cordial and fraternal greeting on the part of sister churches in the city, delivered by Rev. Marcus A. Brownson, D. D., in behalf of the Presbyterians, Rev. Rufus W. Clark, D. D., representing the Episcopalians, Rev. Donald MacLaurin, D. D., speaking for the Baptists, and Rev. Heman P. De Forest, D. D., bearing the salutations of the other Congregational churches. Rev. Dr. Richard T. Savin, who had expected to respond in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal churches, was prevented by sudden and serious illness. To his message of sincere regret a response of sympathy and good wishes for his speedy recovery was sent by vote of the assembled audience. The interesting services were brought to a close and those present dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. Ballard.

The various addresses and other interesting matter connected with this rare anniversary will be found fully set forth in the succeeding pages. Having taken a long look backward, the "Old First" now turns its face towards its second half-century.

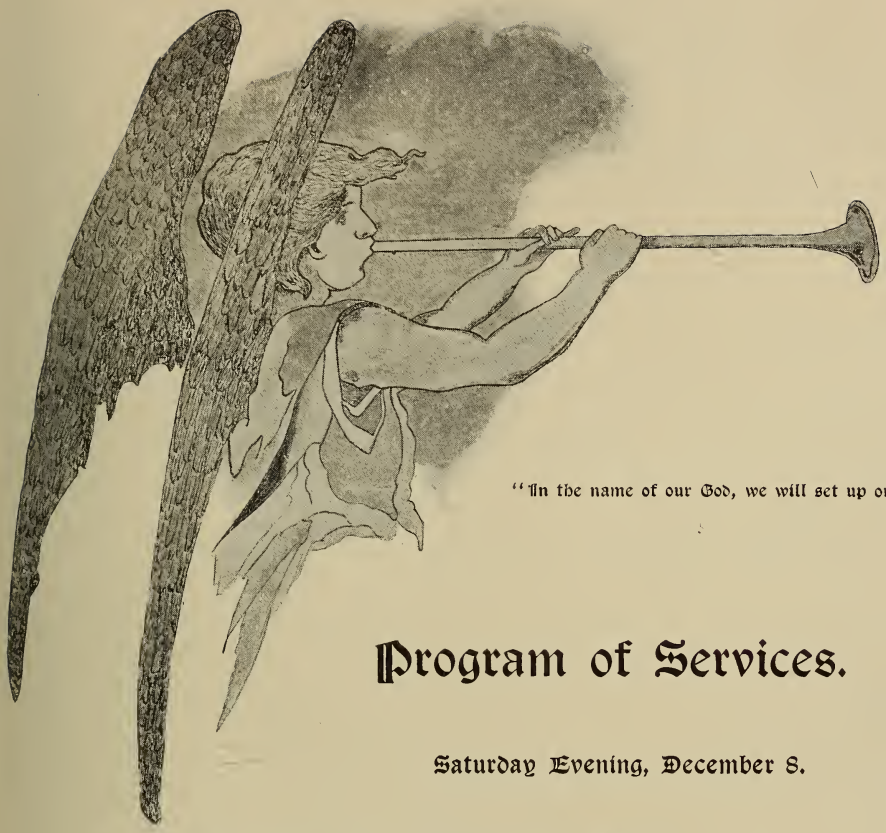
"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." May He be our all-sufficient Helper still, and evermore!

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 25, 1894.



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"In the name of our God, we will set up our banners."
—Psalm XX:5.

Program of Services.

Saturday Evening, December 8.

ORGAN PRELUDE—Offertory in D Minor, ... *Batiste*
DOXOLOGY—Congregation rising.
INVOCATION.
LORD'S PRAYER.
ANTHEM—Chorus, "Arise, Shine, for thy Light is come," . *Buck*
ADDRESS OF WELCOME, . . PASTOR WILLIAM H. DAVIS
HYMN—"O Worship the King,"
HISTORICAL ADDRESS, ... DEACON GEO. M. LANE
ANTHEM—"Oh, be Joyful," *Mosenthal*
PRAYER, ... DR. BALLARD
HYMN—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."
BENEDICTION, ... DR. DAVIS
POSTLUDE—Festival March, ... *Meyerbeer*

Sunday Morning, December 9.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Communion," *Salome*
ANTHEM—"Praise the Lord," *Randegger*
INVOCATION—Closing with the Lord's Prayer.
HYMN—"Holy, holy, holy,"
RESPONSIVE READING—Selection 23rd, in "The Church Hymnary."
GLORIA.
SCRIPTURE LESSON, ... DR. BALLARD
HYMN—"O God, our Help in ages past,"
PRAYER—(Choir response), ... DR. KITCHEL
OFFERTORY—Bass Solo, "'Tis Enough," . . . *Mendelssohn*
NOTICES.
ANTHEM—Jubilate Amen," *Max Bruch*
SERMON—"A Jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you." Lev. XXV: 11.
. THE PASTOR
HYMN—"In the Name of our God," . *Miss Caroline Crosman*

Tune: LYONS.

In the name of our God,
Our banners we raise,
And to Him we sing
Our glad hymns of praise.
'Tis He who hath brought us
Thus far on our way!
'Tis He who is ever
Our strength and our stay.

In the name of our God,
Our banners we raise,
And joyfully tread
His merciful ways.
Whatever befalleth
He still giveth aid,
In joy and in sorrow
Through sunshine and shade.

Our banners of light
We raise in His name,
As onward we press
His love to proclaim.
The hand that hath led us
Through years that are gone,
That hand will still guide us
And lead to His throne.

PRAYER, ... THE PASTOR
BENEDICTION, ... DR. BALLARD
POSTLUDE—"Finale," *Wagner*

Sunday School, 12:30.

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE.
HYMN—"Sweetly Dawns the Sabbath Morning."
INVOCATION, ... SUPT. JOHN DAVIS
SCRIPTURE READING, ... SUPT. R. W. KING
INTRODUCTION OF SUPERINTENDENTS, PASTOR WILLIAM H. DAVIS
HYMN—"Sweetly Sing the Love of Jesus."
REMINISCENCES, ... SUPT. GEO. M. LANE
THEN AND NOW, ... SUPT. H. E. BAKER
OFFERING.
HYMN—"Follow Thou Me."
GREETINGS, ... REV. DR. BALLARD
REVIEW, ... SUPT. ALLAN BOURN
OUTLOOK, ... SUPT. WM. H. STRONG
HYMN—"Onward Christian Soldiers."
THE LORD'S PRAYER.
BENEDICTION, ... DR. BALLARD

Sunday Afternoon, 3:30.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Träumerei," *Schumann*
ANTHEM—"'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's brow," . . *Bradbury*
RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.
PRAYER, ... DR. KITCHEL
HYMN—"Almighty Lord, to Thee we Raise," . *Mrs. Geo. M. Lane*

Tune: PARK STREET.

Almighty Lord, to Thee we raise
This day our jubilee of praise;
Join heart and voice in grateful song,
For praises to our God belong.

Since first this church, a chosen band,
Was gathered by Divine command,
The Father's love its work has owned
And all the years with blessings crowned.

There stands to-day a ransomed band,
Immortal now, at His right hand,
Who from this haven of their love
Have gone to join the church above.

While we, His people who remain
For prayer and service "in His name,"
Wait glad and trustful, sure that He
Will to the end our Leader be.

Thou, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Art worshiped by the heavenly host,
The Triune God, whom we adore,
Keep this church Thine for ever more.

ADDRESS, ... DR. BALLARD

HYMN—"Here at Thy Table, Lord,"

COMMUNION.

HYMN—"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me,"

BENEDICTION, ... DR. PHILO R. HURD

At 6:30 a Special Reminiscent Service of the Y. P. S. C. E. in the Chapel.

Sunday Evening, 7:30.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio," *Liszt*

ANTHEM—"Into the Silent Land," *A. R. Gaul*

SCRIPTURE READING, ... REV. N. S. WRIGHT

PRAYER. REV. N. S. WRIGHT

HYMN—"For all the Saints,"

MEMORIAL ADDRESS, ... DEACON H. E. BAKER

ANTHEM—"Holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth," . . *Gounod*

PASTORAL PRAYER.

HYMN—"Jerusalem the Golden,"

BENEDICTION, ... DR. BALLARD

POSTLUDE—"Pilgrim's Chorus," *Wagner*

Monday Evening, December 10, 7:30.

A reception for the former Pastors, Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., and Rev. Addison Ballard, D. D., and also to the Rev. W. H. Davis, D. D., and Mrs. Davis, and for the only surviving charter members, Deacon and Mrs. Francis Raymond, and Mrs. Marietta P. Cook, was held in the Church House, during which the following special musical program of organ, orchestral and choral music was rendered in the Church:

WAR MARCH, ... *Mendelssohn*
ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN.

"WHEN ONWARD I AM GAZING," *Gade*
CHOIR.

TENOR SOLO, ... *Selected*
MR. F. L. FRAZER.

"HOMAGE TO WAGNER," *Henrich*
ORCHESTRA

ALTO SOLO—"Magic Song," *Helmund*
MISS M. WELZ.

ORGAN SOLO—"Festival March," *Calkin*
ORLA D. ALLEN.

SOPRANO SOLO—"My All," *Bohm*
MISS VIRGINIA EASTMAN.

BRIDAL CHORUS, ... *Cowen*
CHOIR.

BASS SOLO—"The Wind and the Sea,"
MR. S. I. SLADE.

INTERMEZZO, ... *Mascagni*
ORCHESTRA.

Inter-Denominational Greetings from City Pastors, 8:30.

HYMN—"Come, Thou Almighty King,"

REV. RICHARD T. SAVIN, D. D. REV. MARCUS A. BROWNSON, D. D.
REV. RUFUS W. CLARK, D. D.

ANNIVERSARY ANTHEM—Music and words by . *C. W. Henrich*

(Accompanied by Orchestra and Organ.)

Back two score years and ten,
A child was born to earth,
Which honored God and men,
A child of noble birth.

As fleeting years passed on,
By faithful, loving care,
This child of God had won
A power felt everywhere.

From its bright smile there shined
A ray of hope and cheer,
Which soothed the troubled mind,
And banished every fear.

'Mid sorrow, pain and woe,
A broken heart 't could mend.
SIN had no fiercer foe,
And RIGHT no truer friend.

This child—not flesh and blood—
Was reared by GOD'S great Love,
And named "A Church of God"
To join with that above.

PRAYER:

O God, in whose great hand
All power in earth doth lie;
Guide this Thy Christian band,
And let its works ne'er die.

REV. DONALD MACLAURIN, D. D.

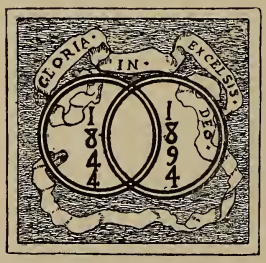
REV. HEMAN P. DEFOREST, D. D.

HYMN—"Blest be the Tie that Binds,"

BENEDICTION, ... DR. BALLARD

POSTLUDE.

"The acceptable year of our Lord."





THE SECOND CHURCH EDIFICE.

Southwest Corner of Fort and Wayne Streets. Dedicated September 21, 1854.

PASTORAL ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS, D. D.

FATHERS, brethren and Christian friends: We are met to-night to keep the golden birthday of this Christian church, and I stand her representative in this honored presence of friends of "yesterday, to-day, and forever," to extend in her behalf our most cordial greeting and welcome to these jubilee services of commemoration.

If no apology is needed for the keeping of such anniversaries in our homes as we remember each other's birthdays, surely none is needed for holding in precious remembrance the organization of a Christian church whose faith and works have been builded into the lives of two generations of Christian men and women. Twenty-five years ago to-night we were assembled to celebrate the quarter-centennial of our church fellowship. Already at that time Congregationalism had a goodly history in the Peninsular State, with her 175 churches, 150 pastors and 10,000 church members. But since that historic hour her growth has been greatly increased, until we now number in Michigan 350 Congregational churches, with over 300 Christian ministers and a membership of nearly, if not quite, 30,000 souls. In these fertile years of service and of progress the First Church of Detroit has had no small part, for her missionary zeal, her Christian benevolence, her prayers and labors, have entered largely into the growth of our Michigan Zion, and she herself has increased in numerical strength as in spiritual and social power, until she has become institutional in her spirit and in the range of her ministration.

Fitting it is, then, beloved, that we keep festival over the coming of this golden year in our history, and remember with loving regard those early lives that builded better than they knew this church of the living God. Therefore, to the renewal of personal associations, to the panorama-like review of her half-century of life and service, to the memory of her sainted dead, and to the glad hospitality of her living members, we bid you all welcome.

Especially do we have welcome in our hearts for the honored and beloved pastors, Dr. Kitchel and Dr. Ballard, whose presence here is an occasion of heartfelt thanksgiving to God that His providence has permitted us to share in the fellowship of this hour, for to you, Dr. Kitchel, more than to any other, was given the work of moulding the life and character of this church of your ripest ministry with an impress of loyalty to God's truth and a willingness to serve men, which has remained to this day. We remember, my brother, Dr. Ballard, that you stood twenty-five years ago to-night as I now stand in the pastoral office of this church, and that your words greeted the friends who gathered to that memorable hour. It is with deep gratitude that we look upon your face and hear your voice once more among us.

While for our honored friends, Deacon and Mrs. Raymond, and Mrs. Cook, the only surviving members of that little company of thirteen who fifty years ago banded together as a Christian church, we have a most cordial and tender welcome, and as the faithful clerk of this church through the entire period of her history, a service unmatched in the record of the churches of the northwest, I assure you, our beloved Deacon, of our hearty appreciation and love; long may you go in and out among us as an office-bearer and member of the "Old First" Church.

We greet also the children of this church—a goodly company—whose households of faith have already grown into centres of Christian influence and power, and give you hearty welcome to this family reunion, glad of your prosperity and the growing "olive plants" around your altars.

And to our friends who have gone out from among us into other communions, our honored sisterhood of churches in this city, to my brother pastors and all Christian friends everywhere whoses heart turn toward us in this "festival of years," we meet you, beloved, with the right hand of Christian fellowship and love. May these hours of reminiscence and friendship generate a larger loyalty to the memory and truth of the great past and give us more enthusiasm for the coming triumphs of the greater future. And so may grace, mercy and peace abide with us now and for evermore. Amen!



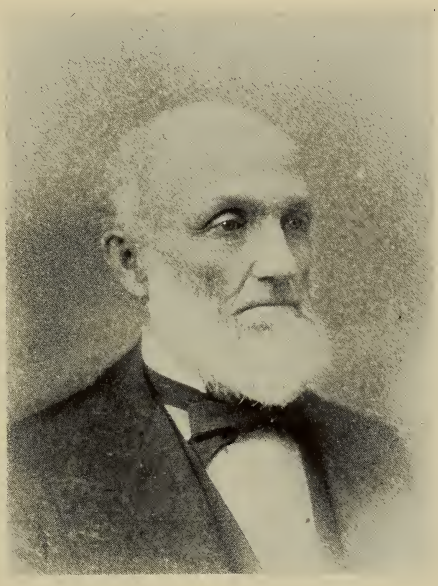
ONLY CHARTER MEMBERS LIVING DECEMBER 10, 1894.

Deacon Francis Raymond. Mrs. Marietta P. Cook. Mrs. Ruth Raymond.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

DEACON GEORGE M. LANE.

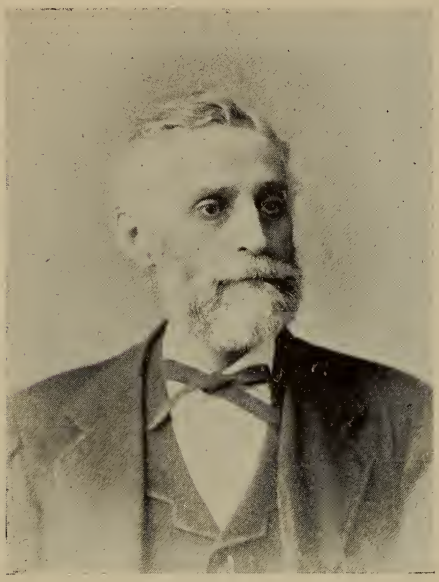
AT the quarter-centennial celebration, held twenty-five years since, Hon. Chas. I. Walker, by invitation, delivered the Historical Address. It was an admirable record of the history of this church for that period, and its presentation was in a manner which might be expected from one so competent to fill the place and the privilege appointed for him. It has occurred to me many times during the past few weeks, and the thought may also have come to some of you, what a rare gratification would have been given us all could Judge Walker again have stood before us this evening and continued the sketch for the second quarter-centennial of our church history. Not only this, but there would have been a singular fitness in such a service which would have added material interest to the occasion. Though his life is still spared, and he is numbered with us, a great affliction has come upon him, and its shadow has fallen across our threshold. This has placed an insuperable barrier to the realization of such a pleasure. Had not all hope of recovery been taken from us, we would pray earnestly that this illness be removed, and he be restored to us in all his former strength and mental vigor; but in the absence of such a hope, surely our sympathies are extended to him and to those who belong to him, with the earnest petition that he be



DEACON CHAS. I. WALKER.
1861–1865; 1866–1895.

spared pain and weariness, and that every possible pleasure and comfort may abide with him during all his remaining days, be they few or many.

The history of the first twenty-five years of this church having once been so carefully prepared, it would be unwise that it should be repeated in all its first detail. In fact, time this evening would not permit such a presentation. Much will therefore be omitted, or with only a brief mention, while that which is important will be more or less condensed. And in this connection it is only just that credit should be given to Judge Walker's address for material aid in the preparation of the record of the early history of the church now narrated.



Deacon George M. Lane—1874—
Also Sunday School Superintendent—1878–1880.

Until near the close of 1844 there was no Congregational church in Detroit, and the denomination was weak in Michigan. At that time only fifty-two churches of our order existed in the State, and nearly one-half of those have since then ceased to exist, or have united in fellowship with other denominations. Very few of the more important places were then occupied, including only Jackson, Grand Rapids, Port Huron, Kalamazoo, Romeo, St. Clair and Union City. Nearly all the churches organized at that time were in the smaller towns and in farming districts, and most of them were under the fostering care of that grand organization, *The American Home Missionary Society.*

The first Congregational church in Michigan was organized in 1827, at Rochester, and the second a little later at Romeo. The population of the whole State at that time did not exceed 250,000 people, probably less than is now contained in Detroit alone. The interior towns and villages were small; resources were undeveloped;

the people were poor, and were struggling with all the burdens and privations incident to the beginnings of life in a new territory.

The census of 1840 gave Detroit a population of only 9,102, and in 1844 the city did not contain to exceed 11,000 inhabitants.

These 11,000 people found church homes in 12 church organizations. The leading Protestant society was the First Presbyterian, of about 400 members, under the pastorate of Dr. Geo. Duffield; this was the only society of that denomination in the city, and was strong and influential. The Scotch Presbyterian Church was organized in 1833, and occupied the same location it now holds upon the corner of Bates and Farmer streets. Its membership was about 65. The Episcopalians had only a single church of about 300 members, viz.: St. Paul's. The buildings occupied by this and the First Presbyterian Church stood adjoining each other upon the north side of Woodward ave. between Larned and Congress streets. Within the same block and upon the corner of Congress street stood the leading Methodist Episcopal church of the city. A second society had recently been organized, which met for worship in the United States court room, then in the second story of the building now occupied by the First National Bank. In later years the two churches united and formed what is now known as the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, upon the corner of Woodward and Adams avenues. There was a third Methodist church, composed wholly of colored people. The total membership of these three Methodist organizations a little exceeded 400. The Baptists had two churches, viz.: the First Baptist of about 150 members, and a second church composed of colored people. The German Lutheran Church of about two hundred mem-



HENRY E. BAKER.
Sunday School Superintendent—1855-1860.

bers worshipped in a building upon Monroe avenue. The total membership of these nine Protestant organizations amounted to about 1,600. The Roman Catholics had three churches, of which St. Anne was the oldest; in fact, the oldest of any in the city. The corner-stone of the Cathedral upon Jefferson avenue, corner of St. Antoine street, had been laid, but little or nothing more had been done toward the superstructure. The denomination was strong, and included probably more than one-half the people of the city, their number being estimated at 6,000 or more.

The Organization of the Church.

Such, in a word, was Detroit and its church accommodations when, in 1844, a movement was inaugurated looking to the planting of a Congregational church in this the metropolis of the State. In the city was a goodly representation of the New England element, some of them being among the prominent and leading citizens of the city and State. They had connected themselves with the Presbyterians, but they still preferred the order of the Congregational Church. There was room for church extension in Detroit, and no valid reason was apparent why the time was not opportune for the planting of another Protestant church. As the matter began to be canvassed among the friends of the movement, opposition was developed in certain influential quarters, chiefly for denominational reasons. This was continued even after it had been fully demonstrated that Congregationalism had a right to exist here, and had maintained that privilege by actually being born and living a goodly and fairly vigorous life. Yet this opposition could not have been general, for even in those churches a kindly feeling was manifested by *individuals* in the early material aid rendered the new church. Upon a subscription list still in existence for aid in the erection of our first church building in 1845 are found pledges from such well-known Presbyterians as Gen. Lewis Cass, James F. Joy, Buckminster Wight, Alanson Sheley, Horace Hallock, Samuel Zug, Hugh Moffat, Alex. McFarran and others. The help these men rendered was not only encouraging but material, and it is a pleasure here thankfully to acknowledge it. Also the fact that during much, if not all, of this half-century just closed, interdenominational sympathy and fellowship has been quite as kindly and hearty as has been the church fellowship in our own order.

Upon this subscription paper also are recorded pledges for the enterprise somewhat unusual in such cases, viz.: 55 acres of land in Calhoun County; a lot in Maumee, Ohio; a city bond for $100.00; two pews in the Presbyterian church; several shares of Lake Superior mining stock; a forty-dollar scale, etc., etc.

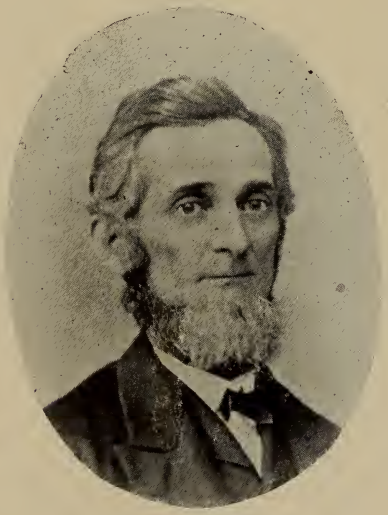
Among the men active as leaders in this early movement may be mentioned Chas. G. Hammond, Samuel Coit, Israel Coe, S. S. Barnard, Francis Raymond, Lyman Baldwin, Chas. Howard, E. K. Gilbert and Philetus Church. Outside of Detroit there was no one more interested in the organization of the church than the Rev. O. C. Thompson, then a young minister at St. Clair. For many years since then his church home was with us, and it is not long since he was removed from us by death at a ripe old age.

While all these and others were efficient in the planting of this church, the man who, by character, standing and influence, was perhaps foremost in the movement was Chas. G. Hammond. Though up to that time most of his years had been spent in the Presbyterian church, he was strongly attached to the principles and the polity of the Congregational order and labored faithfully for their establishment in Detroit. He was a man of great force of character and individuality; possessed of sterling integrity, sound judgment and resolute purpose. He was active in the church in all its work, notably so in the prayer meeting and Sabbath school. He was fitted for almost any service and position, and in later years he came to hold high places in commercial circles and in the councils of the churches of the land. He would have honored a chair in the United States Senate or a position in the cabinet as counselor of the President of the United States. He was a born leader, not only of men, but of corporate interests, with a marvelous capacity for execution.

It was through Mr. Hammond's influence that Mr. David Hale, then of the New York *Journal of Commerce*, an earnest, Christian man, became interested in this church. Relying wholly upon the judgment of Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hale pledged $600.00 annually for the sustentation of the enterprise until it should become well established; and for two years he paid that sum each year towards the maintenance of the church. That was material aid, much needed and very valuable; without it, success may have been doubtful; with it, it soon became assured.

It is not necessary to dwell further upon the initial steps which resulted in the organization of this church. The first informal conference, of which record is made, was held November 25, 1844. The first meeting which resulted in any formal action was held December 8 in the city hall. At that time a committee consisting of Messrs. S. S. Barnard, Israel Coe, C. G. Hammond, James G. Crane and Wm. Cook was appointed "to formulate a Confession of Faith, a Covenant and Rules of Practice" for such an organization. At a subsequent meeting the same committee was instructed "to convene an Ecclesiastical Council upon December 25, 1844, to consider the propriety of forming a Congregational church, and, if deemed wise, to perfect such an organization." The First Congregational *Society*, after one or two preliminary meetings, was organized December 23, 1844. The first trustees of that corporation were C. G. Hammond, Francis Raymond, Israel Coe, Elisha Tyler and Lyman Baldwin.

Upon Christmas day, 1844, the Ecclesiastical Council met in the city hall, approved of the organization of this church, and upon that day and in that place *The First Congregational Church* of Detroit commenced its existence. Only three Congregational churches were represented in that council, viz.: those at Rochester, St. Clair and Armada. The thirteen charter members were: S. S. Barnard, Lyman Baldwin, Mrs. Mancy Baldwin, Jas. G. Crane, Mrs. Mary A. Crane, Francis Raymond, Mrs. Ruth Raymond, Robert W. Warner, Mrs. C. A. Warner, Wm. Cook, Mrs. Marietta P. Cook, Mrs. Mary J. Hammond, and Miss Rhoda Cowles. Nine more joined the following Sunday, viz.: December 29th, and four upon the succeeding Sabbath, giving a total membership of 26 at the beginning of the new year.



DEACON CHARLES E. SILSBEE.
1866–1866.

The first church officer elected was Mr. Francis Raymond as clerk upon February 2nd, 1845. He had already served the *society* in that capacity. No deacons were elected until August, 1845, eight months

after the organization of the church, when Messrs. S. S. Barnard and Chas. Howard were elected to fill that office for two years. At the close of the *first* quarter-century, Deacon S. S. Barnard, Deacon and Mrs. Raymond, Deacon and Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Cook and Miss Cowles were the only remaining charter members. At the close of the *half* century Deacon and Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Cook are alone spared. God hath dealt kindly and graciously with them and us in continuing their lives during all these years. The hour brings to them and to us rare emotions, in that for fifty years they have been permitted to share so efficiently in the work they helped to plant, and to behold so great a fruitage. Surely the sincere prayer of each one of us arises at this hour that many blessed years yet to come, and the comforts of a happy home and of a church life in our midst, or wherever their lot may be cast, may yet be granted unto all of them. As is known to all of us, Deacon Raymond has served this church as clerk since his first election. All the records of church meetings and of important action have been made by his hand alone, and very few assemblies of this people have been held when he in person was not present to perform his official duties. Probably no other church in the land has been so long and faithfully served by one officer.



DEACON FRANCIS RAYMOND—1856—
Also Clerk of the Church—1845—

Relative to the other eleven charter members, our church records furnish the following information: Mrs. Mary J. Hammond, dismissed by letter June 10, 1848; Robert W. Warner, died January 25, 1849; Jas. G. Crane, dismissed by letter June 5, 1857; Mrs. Mary A. Crane, dismissed by letter June 5, 1857; Mrs. C. A. Warner, dismissed by letter August 21, 1863; Wm. Cook, died in 1874; Deacon Lyman

Baldwin, died October 18, 1875; Mrs. Mancy Baldwin, died January 23, 1880; Deacon S. S. Barnard, died August 7, 1881; Mrs. Marietta P. Cook, dismissed by letter September 21, 1883; Miss Rhoda Cowles, died February 8, 1891.

Pastorate of Rev. Henry L. Hammond.

Rev. Henry L. Hammond, brother of Chas. G. Hammond, was the first pastor of this church. At that time he was a young man of nearly thirty years of age. He was a native of New York; a graduate of Oberlin College and of Andover Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1841. He served short pastorates over churches at Kingston, Mass., and Homer, Mich., leaving the latter to take up his work in Detroit. He continued with this church until June, 1847, when, at his request, he was released from further service with this people, though urged by them to remain for another year. The other churches which came under his care during later years were those at Morrisville, N. Y., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Princeton, Ill. Subsequently, for many years he was general agent and treasurer of Chicago Theological Seminary; still later he became a writer of considerable note.

Many of you will remember him as being with us at the dedication of our church three years since, at which time he spoke to us of many personal recollections connected with the early history of the church. In March, 1893, he died suddenly of heart failure at his home in Evanston, Ill., aged 78 years.

Mr. Hammond's work in this church was faithful and earnest; he was a good preacher, but was more successful in pastoral work. He was here at the beginning, when special and miscellaneous services were required. It was the formative and the critical period of our church life; members were few in number; the church was weak, and some opposition now and then became apparent. Patience, earnestness and faithfulness were virtues which marked his character and labors and gave the latter the measure of success attained. He was thoroughly evangelical in his beliefs, and was zealous in promulgating them. Mankind needed to be saved; souls must be sought and won by the methods offered in the gospel. He searched for them one by one and led them to the Saviour. During the winter of 1846–7 Rev. Chas. G. Finney labored in this church with Mr. Hammond for about six weeks. As the result of such work a goodly number were added to the fellowship, and the membership was greatly strengthened

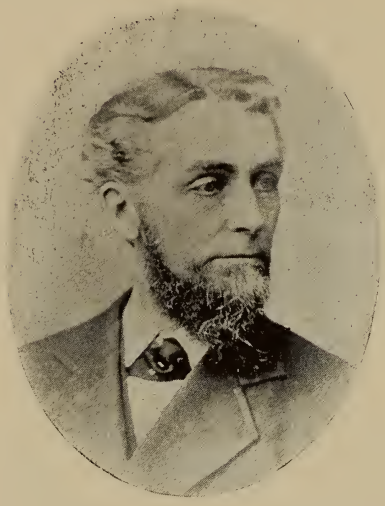
and encouraged. During Mr. Hammond's two and one-half years' pastorate the increase in members had been from the original 13 to 115, of whom 110 remained when he left.

The First Church Building.

Immediately after the organization of the church, a movement was commenced looking to the erection of a suitable building, and in the spring of 1845 a lot, upon the corner of Jefferson avenue and Beaubien street, was purchased for $2,000. In June plans for the building were adopted, and it was voted by the society that work should be immediately prosecuted to the extent of constructing the walls, the roof, the steeple and the completion of the basement rooms ready for occupation. The cost of all this was not to exceed $4,000. Such rapid progress was made that the first annual meeting of the society was held in the basement of the church in December, 1845, less than six months after the plans had been adopted. With the incoming of the new year the new church home was occupied with great rejoicing by the congregation. Upon the first Sabbath, it is said, Mr. Hammond appropriately preached from the text, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Perhaps there was not greater joy in the heart of David when he uttered those words, than was in the heart of each one who joined in that service upon that Sabbath morning. I do not believe *we* entered this beautiful temple, three years since, with more happiness and satisfaction than did that little band 49 years ago assemble for the first time in that dark, low basement. It was their church home, the first they could call their own. From wandering for a place of meeting, first at the city hall, then in the State capitol, afterwards in the circuit court room, and possibly in other places, they had come at last to a veritable temple where they could meet the Lord and worship Him in His own house.

During the spring and summer of 1846, work upon the building was continued, and upon Aug. 30th of that year, when the church was less than twenty months old, the building completed was dedicated to the service of God. The total cost of the house and lot was about $7,700. Pledges amounting to about $4,200 had been secured, including help from Eastern friends of nearly $1,000. This left a debt upon the society of $3,500 or more, the last of which was not paid until

1851, five years afterwards. The building is still standing upon the corner of Jefferson avenue and Beaubien street, and is now used for business purposes. The property was sold eventually for $9,150, and the proceeds applied towards the building of the Fort street church.



Deacon Henry E. Bostwick—1868–1878.
Also Sunday School Superintendent—1868–1878.

For a year after Mr. Hammond's resignation had been accepted the church was without a pastor, Revs. O. C. Thompson, R. R. Kellogg and W. W. Atterbury occupying the pulpit. The Rev. Mr. Atterbury, then a young man recently from the seminary, served the church most of the time. During the winter of 1847–1848, Rev. J. T. Avery, an evangelist, labored in the church with Mr. Atterbury for several weeks. The record of 1848 shows that sixty-one were added to the church that year, the result in part doubtless of that work.

Pastorate of Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D.

Rev. Harvey D. Kitchel, of Thomaston, Conn., was called to the pastorate of the church in July, 1848. He preached his first sermon upon the first Sabbath in October, and was installed pastor in the following December.

At that time Dr. Kitchel was a young man and had held only one pastorate. Already, however, he gave promise of a mature manhood of more than ordinary attainments and usefulness. In this his second pastorate, the man and the church were fitted each for the other. In other words, it was evidently a call and a ministry inspired by the Master, and it was here, perhaps, that his greatest and best life's work was done. Dr. Kitchel soon came to occupy a foremost place in the city and the State as a preacher of rare attainments and excellence. His individuality was marked and unique. He was dignified in bearing, courteous in manner, with a heart as tender and affectionate

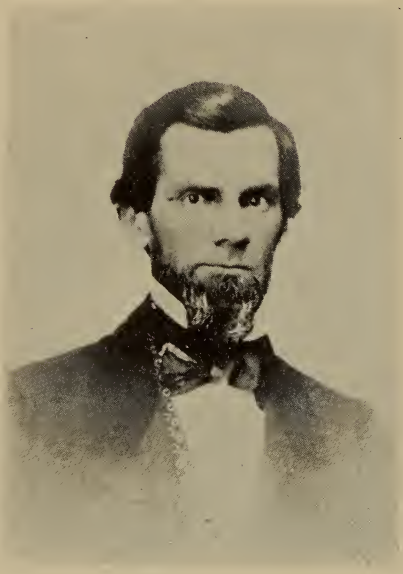
as a child's. His sermons were prepared with great care and study, and they possessed excellencies peculiar to Dr. Kitchel. His pulpit ministrations were forcible and impressive. Perspicuity, precision and terseness were marked characteristics of his style. He was a student of words, their meaning, force and proper use, and each word in his sermons seemed fitted to its place as evidently as the keystone in the arch. Great thoughts were stated with remarkable conciseness yet clearness, and sentences almost contained whole sermons. The latter have been well characterized for "soundness of doctrine, fullness and ripeness of thought, with a purity of style and chasteness of diction that gave them great charm and made them a power for good." His illustrations were singularly appropriate and expressive. One occurs to me now. Speaking once of the apparent length of our years in childhood, and the increasing rapidity with which they pass as we grow older, he said: "In youth our years are each three hundred and sixty-five days, in manhood they are shortened to fifty-two days, and in old age to twelve." The fitness and expressiveness of that figure you will all readily understand. His texts were suggestive and appropriate, and his sermons fitted them. There was no forced connection between them; the texts were never used for a purpose or a thought which was not in the heart of the inspired writer or speaker when they were uttered or recorded. Some of you may remember, for instance, that remarkable sermon upon the importance and value God placed upon the family and the home, from the text: "A month at Lebanon and two months at home;" the contexts being: when God called for a levy of thirty thousand men of Israel to go to Lebanon and prepare timber for His temple they should work in detachments, each of ten thousand



DEACON ALLAN BOURN—1890–1892.
Also Sunday School Superintendent—1880–1887.

men, for one month only; two months, by His command, were to be spent at home. A most happy text for the thought of the sermon.

Great force was not characteristic of Dr. Kitchel's manner; yet he possessed possibly that greater source of power and influence which springs from deliberation, method and thoughtfulness, united with great tenderness and kindness of heart. These were very marked, and gave great effect when aided by the strong intellectual faculties he possessed. He loved his church and his people. Although a generation has passed since he lived among us, he still fills a large place in the hearts of his living parishioners, and not a few throughout the State, who still remain, remember him and his work in Detroit with great satisfaction.

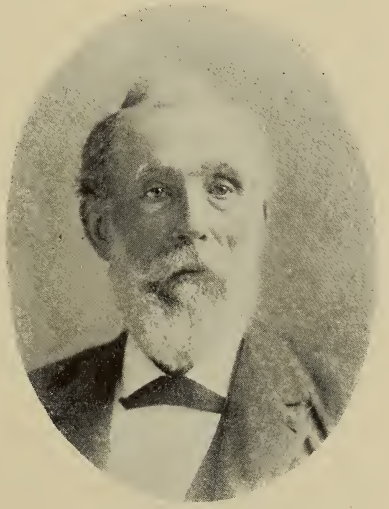


Deacon Silas M. Holmes.
1849-1861.

The Second Church Building.

As might well be expected, the church and the congregation grew rapidly under Dr. Kitchel's ministry. The building occupied was almost new, but it soon began to be too strait; and it was apparent that in the near future new and enlarged quarters would be a necessity. In little more than six years after the dedication of the first church building, viz.: in December, 1852, formal action was taken by the society looking to the erection of another edifice. At a second meeting, held the same month, the special committee having the matter in hand reported in favor of an early building of a new and larger church in a more central and desirable locality, and in January, 1853, the society decided to proceed at once with the work. Several sites were considered, but finally the property upon Fort street, corner of Wayne street, was selected, and it was purchased for $10,000. The committee on plans for the new building were Messrs. H. D. A. Ward, Israel Coe, S. M. Holmes and Chas. I. Walker. The committee on

ways and means consisted of Messrs. Wm. A. Butler, S. S. Barnard, Philo Parsons and N. D. Stebbins. It was first proposed to limit the cost of the building to $20,000, but it was soon decided that an edifice which would meet the requirements of the congregation could not be constructed for that sum, and the committee on plans were authorized to extend that limit, but, if possible, were not to exceed $30,000. Subscriptions amounting to nearly $12,000 were secured, and it was estimated that the property on Jefferson avenue could be sold for $10,000. With $22,000 in sight, as it was thought, it was decided to proceed with the work of building a $30,000 church upon a lot costing $10,000, for which payment had not been made. The building committee consisted of Messrs. S. M. Holmes, S. S. Barnard, George Gilbert, Philo Parsons, Wm. A. Butler and R. W. King. Their experience in church building has often been repeated, and probably will never end. Suffice it to say, the house was completed in little more than one year's time, at an expense of $46,000, exceeding the sum named for a limit by fifty per cent., with estimated available resources then amounting to $28,400. The latter was made up chiefly of about $1,000 raised by the ladies for the bell; $9,150 from the sale of the old church property; $11,206 in subscriptions, and $6,629 realized by sale of pews in the new church; leaving an indebtedness of about $17,500 for the building, and $10,000 for the lot, with accrued interest; the total amounting nearly or quite to $30,000. To meet or reduce this, no immediate provision was made. When the church was finished Deacon Barnard had advanced $13,000 and S. M. Holmes $8,400 towards its erection, in addition to what they had given for the work.



Deacon Edward D Jones.
1891—

The church was dedicated September 21, 1854. Dr. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, Conn., preached the dedicatory sermon, and Rev. H. L. Hammond, the first pastor, offered the dedicatory prayer. Up to that date the total enrolled membership of the church since

its organization had reached 340. Of these about 100 had been removed by letter or by death, leaving an actual membership of 240. Of the latter, only 20 now remain with us, viz.:

Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D.,	Francis Raymond,
Philo Parsons,	Mrs. Ruth Raymond,
R. W. King,	D. B. Woodbridge,
Mrs. R. W. King,	Mrs. Jane Smith,
Mrs. Nancy Tuttle,	John Blackader,
Mrs. H. H. Bushnell,	Mrs. Abby J. Hackett,
James Nall,	F. W. Swift,
Mrs. Alida Carpenter,	Miss Adelaide E. Coe,
Mrs. E. M. Clark,	Mrs. Eliza J. Roys.
Mrs. S. M. Hibbard,	Geo. M. Lane.

Usually the removal of a church from the old house into the new is an occasion of great joy and gratitude. Hope brightens the future and imparts courage to hearts and hands. I do not say such was not the case at this time, for there was hope and courage, though fears and uncertainties did cloud the future. Succeeding years only made the outlook darker and brought the society to the verge of bankruptcy. Fortunately, the debt was held by those who were not disposed to force payment or make trouble, and arrangements were concluded by which the day of settlement was deferred. Then came the financial panic of 1857, which shattered the commercial interests of the whole land and from which they did not recover for several years. Rapidly the debt increased, and the burdens became greater year by year. At the close of 1856 the society owed $35,600; one year later the debt exceeded $37,000, and in December, 1858, it was about $39,000 with no cash resources. In addition to this, current receipts failed to meet ordinary expenses and the society was in debt to the pastor nearly $1,000.

It was during these trying days that Deacon Barnard came to the rescue, and by taking a load which almost crushed him, he perhaps saved the church. Never had a church a better friend than had this one in Sherman S. Barnard; a friend not simply in name, but in very deed. For this church and the great work, present and future, it represented, he gave his name, his credit, and a goodly portion of his possessions.

At last, in 1859, a united effort was made to pay the debt incurred for the *building* and accumulated interest. A large amount was

pledged by members of the society, but the effort to meet the crisis would have failed, had it not been for Deacon Barnard, who was the principal creditor of the society. With resources secured through him and his generosity the debt for the building was paid, and there remained unpaid the $10,000 due for the lot with accrued interest, and several other obligations in the current expense account which had not been met. For these, immediate payment was not required. With the relief afforded in the removal of by far the greatest burden, it was felt that the remaining indebtedness could in time be removed. To insure the latter, and at the same time be providing means for payment, Sabbath offerings were taken each Sabbath. These were continued for two years or more, when a fund of over $2,000 had been secured. In 1863, to meet all obligations then existing and to provide means for much needed repairs upon the building, about $16,000 was required. With a cheerful and united effort the amount named was obtained. The society was at last wholly relieved of its great incubus of debt, and for the first day in almost ten years the joy and comfort was realized by the members that they were once more free. Prosperity seemed assured and the future was bright with the promise of hope.

Before leaving this part of our history, it is only just to add that while most, if not every one, gave freely during these years of struggle according to their ability, there were those who not only by their liberality and pledges of money, but also in the grant of much time and thought, which means added gifts, are perhaps entitled to special mention; men who year after year carried the burdens of anxiety and care as church and society officers. Mr. Silas M. Holmes should be remembered for his services in the erection of the church building, giving time almost without measure, when time with him counted for much, and for financial aid provided. Later, generally for services rendered as trustees during these years of our history, we should name Wm. Warner, Newell Avery, Chas. I. Walker, R. J. Hackett, D. M. Richardson, Philo Parsons, Lyman Baldwin, Wm. A. Butler, R. W. King and T. K. Adams.

Resignation of Dr. Kitchel.

During these five or six years or more material growth in the church and congregation could hardly be expected; especially when we consider the great political excitements which all these years shook this whole

land from ocean to ocean. The Nation was struggling like a giant for existence; indeed, we were almost in the throes of death. The great interests of the day and of almost every home were centered in armies, battlefields, the loved ones at the front, the dying, the dead. Yet, amid all these distractions and barriers, our pastor worked on faithfully as he could, a great grief and a crushing blow once, yes twice, meanwhile having fallen upon his own home and heart. This continued until October, 1864, when he asked for a dissolution of his pastoral relations with this church, and in November a council duly called granted his request. Thus closed a pastorate of sixteen years, the blessed fruitage of which still abides and long will abide with this church.

His membership still remains with us, as also that of Mrs. Kitchel, and will continue for both until they are removed to the church triumphant. Immediately following the close of his pastorate, Dr. Kitchel accepted a call from the Plymouth Congregational Church at Chicago. This charge he resigned in 1866 to accept the presidency of Middlebury College, his *Alma Mater*, in Vermont. In addition to the duties attached to that position, he preached often among the Vermont churches, where his work, aid and encouragement were always acceptable. After seven years of service in that field, increasing infirmity of voice required a relinquishment of active labors, though he continued to preach when able in answer to special calls, until added years compelled him to decline all public speaking at any great length.



Deacon Frank Milligan.
1878-1881.

The Ministry of Rev. S. M. Freeland.

In December following the removal of Dr. Kitchel, Rev. S. M. Freeland, of Watertown, Conn., was engaged for a three-months'

service, and at its conclusion the engagement was continued for one year longer. During his supply of the pulpit, the labors of Rev. E. P. Hammond, the evangelist, were secured, and a successful work was wrought within the parish. The fruitage was especially manifest among the young people of the congregation, from whom many additions were made to the church. During that year fifty-five united upon confession of faith, and thirty-two by letter. Mr. Freeland's ministry with this church, though short, was characterized by great earnestness and success.



Rev. Samuel M. Freeland.
1864–1866.

It was at this time, near the close of the engagement of Rev. S. M. Freeland, that the movement had its beginning looking to the organization of another Congregational church. Among a goodly number, especially of the younger people, the suggestion met with hearty support, and it was energetically pushed to a successful conclusion. By many of the older members of the church and society the proposal was not received with favor, as the memory of the struggle of the years just closed was too vivid for any encouragement on their part of such an enterprise, while the conviction seemed clear that one strong church would accomplish a more successful work than would two churches more or less weakened by a division. The council, however, which was called favored the movement, and in March, 1866, the Second, now the Woodward Avenue, Congregational Church was formed, with Mr. Freeland as pastor, 110 members withdrawing from this church to unite with the new organization. The

vigorous life soon attained by the latter, and the position and influence it has since commanded, show that it was a vine planted by the Lord of the vineyard.

The Pastorate of Rev. A. Ballard, D. D.

The Head of the church soon sent us a pastor in the person of the Rev. Addison Ballard, D. D., of Williamstown, Mass. In June he commenced his labors among us, and was installed in October, the installation sermon being preached by Rev. John Todd, D. D., of Pittsfield, Mass.

Dr. Ballard came of good New England stock. He was born in Framingham, Mass., in 1822, was educated at Williams college, graduating with high honors in the class of 1842. During the years following graduation he was successively Principal of Hopkins Academy, tutor in Williams College, principal of an academy in Grand Rapids, Mich., professor in the Ohio University at Athens, and professor of rhetoric in Williams College. Against the wish of Dr. Hopkins and the protest of every student who had been under his instruction, he subsequently accepted the professorship of mathematics and natural philosophy in Marietta College, Ohio; but later Williamstown the third time secured him as the pastor of the First Congregational Church. Here he labored six years, until 1866, when he accepted a call from this church. While in Detroit he again received the offer of the professorship of moral philosophy in Marietta College, where he had once labored, but the appointment was declined, his work with this church offering greater attractions to him.

Dr. Ballard possessed rare and admirable qualities which fitted him for his work. He was a lover of books and was scholarly in his thoughts and tastes. His sermons partook of the same characteristics; they were thoughtful and prepared with care. He was also a lover of nature; her beauties in structure and to the eye gave great delight to him, and frequently supplied sources for illustration and thought. In his social relations he was especially pleasing, cordial in greetings, easy in manner, kindly and affectionate in heart and disposition. While all of these were effective in fitting him for the pastoral office, they especially prepared him for a professor's chair. In the latter his life has been chiefly spent, and his work there has been of marked ability and success.

Dr. Ballard began his ministry with this church at a somewhat difficult period in its history. One hundred and ten members had just left us to commence a new work in another field. Young and vigorous blood had gone out of us, and we were left reduced in numbers and weakened in strength. But there was much to encourage and give hope. We were about 260 strong, had a comfortable church home for those days, were out of debt, were possessed of considerable financial ability, perfectly united in our new pastor, with a purpose to join hands, close up the ranks, look forward and not backward.

For nearly six years Dr. Ballard led us in our church work. During those years we were materially strengthened and enlarged by his faithful ministrations. His resignation was tendered in February, 1872, and in March it was reluctantly accepted. The church unanimously united in an expression of their esteem for him and of assurance of "undiminished confidence in his earnest piety, in his fitness for his chosen work in the ministry, in their regard for him as a gentleman of fine education and ripe culture, an excellent preacher, and a pastor able to sympathize in the joys and sorrows of his people."

Since leaving Detroit Dr. Ballard has occupied important and useful positions in educational fields. He was soon invited to the Douglas Professorship of Christian Greek and of Latin in Lafayette College, Pennsylvania, and afterwards was transferred to the Chair of Moral Philosophy in the same institution. For nineteen years his work there was one of marked success. In addition to his regular duties as professor, he was instrumental in securing an increase of $60,000 in the endowment fund of the college. About one year since Dr. Ballard accepted the Professorship of Logic in the University of the city of New York, in addition to which duties he gives instruction in Ethics and Christian Evidences.

The Pastorate of Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D.

The time between the close of Dr. Ballard's pastorate and the coming of Dr. Eddy was protracted and unexpected. We experienced disappointments which were trying, and many were the prayers offered that in His own good time the Master would send us the undershepherd of His choice. During eighteen months of interregnum the church waited patiently, with much to encourage. No membership could have been more united and more loyal to their church home

and duties than was that of this church during those months when they waited. The Sabbath and week-day services were well sustained in interest and numbers attending, and the society revenues and the aggregate benevolences of the church showed no diminution.

In July, 1873, a formal call was extended to Rev. Z. Eddy, D. D., of Chelsea, Mass. It was immediately accepted, and upon October 10 he was installed pastor of this church. The installation sermon was preached by Dr. Kitchel. Dr. Eddy was a true Puritan by birth and sympathies. He was born at Stockbridge, Vermont, in 1815, but his boyhood was spent in Western New York. His opportunities for attending school were limited, but he became an educated man in the best sense of the word. At the age of eighteen he was licensed to preach; at twenty he was ordained, and his first charge was at Sheridan, N. Y. Following this, he served short pastorates at Rutledge and Springville in the same State. In 1845 he was in the Home Missionary service at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and afterwards he supplied the churches at Warsaw, N. Y., and at Birmingham, Conn. In 1857 he accepted a call from the First Congregational Church at Northampton, Mass., and after ten years of service in that important field, he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., succeeding the venerable Dr. Geo. W. Bethune in the Dutch Reformed Church upon the Heights. After a pastorate of four years in that pulpit he spent two years at Chelsea, Mass., and from thence he removed to Detroit in 1873 to enter upon his work with this church. He remained here eleven years, the longest and probably the most successful and satisfactory service of his life. During his residence with us he more than once remarked that this would probably be his last settled pastorate; and it was. He was acting pastor for about three years over the Church of the Redeemer at Atlanta, Ga., and for two or three winters he preached at Lake Helen, Fla. His closing days were spent at Detroit without charge. His death occurred in this city at the noon hour of Sunday, November 15, 1891, at the age of 76 years. His illness was brief, and his death was a surprise to many.

Dr. Eddy all his life was a busy and notable man. His strong personality and commanding presence made him a marked figure; in almost any audience he would be among the first to be noticed and to attract the attention of a stranger. He had not the advantage of a college and seminary training, yet he became one of the foremost preachers of the land, and was often called to the front upon

important occasions. In character he presented marked contrasts; he had infirmities, but far greater virtues. He united great intellectual strength with tenderness of heart, and, though impulsive, he harbored ill against no man. I believe he loved men for the immortality with which they were created, and he sincerely desired to serve them by bringing them to the salvation offered through the Redeemer. He loved his work for the good he could do, and his life was consecrated to the service of his Master. His excellent voice, fine personal presence, ease of bearing upon the platform, ready command of great thoughts and good language, and the logical construction of his sentences, made him an effective speaker, perhaps an orator, without mannerism or any tinge of sensationalism. He possessed a poetic mind, was an excellent judge of music, and especially enjoyed the productions of great composers. For the latter he had special admiration. Though his pastorates were often short, they were marked by frequent revivals, wherein good work was wrought. In doctrine, he was of the most pronounced evangelical type, and though firm and clear in his personal convictions and beliefs, he was charitable in his sympathies, and was intolerant of dogmatism.

Dr. Eddy was an author of marked abilities. His principal work, Immanuel, or the Life of Christ, is pronounced by excellent critics and biblical scholars to be one of the best of many works upon that subject. With Drs. R. D. Hitchcock and Philip Schaff he compiled, in 1869, Hymns of Song and Praise, which at that time had not been excelled, if equalled, by any hymnal published. Later the Carmina Sanctorum, by the same authors, has received a flattering recognition among reviewers and the churches. Dr. Eddy always came to his pulpit well prepared. His study was literally his workshop, and he offered to his people the best he could bring. With rare exceptions his sermons were written in full, but upon occasions, when warmed by the subject, his manuscript was laid aside for a time, and then it was he excelled. If Dr. Eddy, early in his ministry, could have habitually prepared himself for his pulpit without manuscript, and have accustomed himself to speaking free and unconstrained, he would have stood in the very front rank as an effective pulpit orator. His pastorate here was marked by much zeal, earnestness and success. Immediately upon his coming among us, many were drawn into the congregation by his magnetism as a preacher; the work in the church was greatly quickened; conversions were frequent and numerous; two

or three special works of the spirit were realized; the benevolences of the church were increased, and new and successful methods were introduced into church work. By this people the ministry and memory of Dr. Eddy will long be cherished for the record of his service among us. He wrought zealously and well, and his work will long be visible upon the walls of our Zion and within this sanctuary.

For many years Dr. Eddy purposed to retire at the close of his fifty years of service in the pulpit from the more active work of the ministry. Accordingly, in March, 1883, he gave notice that, at the close of that year of service, he should resign his pastorate with us, giving timely notice, that his successor might be secured, to continue the work without interruption. In fulfillment of such notice, in October following, his resignation was tendered, but he kindly offered to continue his labors with us until his successor should be called and be present for duty; the same council to release him and install whoever should follow.

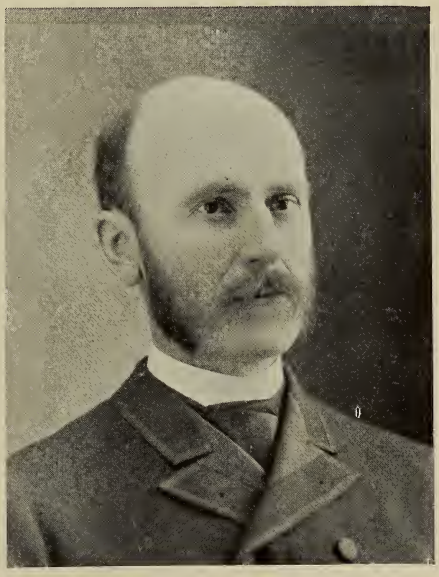
In accepting his resignation the church gave an expression of the "confidence, respect and affection" entertained for him by his people; its appreciation "of the ability and Christian zeal" he had exhibited in his work; of his "great earnestness, eloquence and power" as a preacher; of his "great intellectual and spiritual gifts"; of his "pure and noble Christian character, his tenderness and faithfulness as a pastor and guide, and his remarkable power as a preacher of the gospel." An effort was made by the church to induce Dr. Eddy to withdraw his resignation, but without avail. It was therefore accepted in December, 1883, to take effect as he had suggested.

The Pastorate of Rev. Wm. H. Davis, D. D.

The committee appointed to seek a successor to Dr. Eddy, recommended the calling of Rev. Wm. H. Davis, of Beverly, Mass., to the pastorate of this church. The report was unanimously adopted and in a letter dated April 2nd, 1884, Dr. Davis accepted the call. The installing council convened May 20th, the dissolution of the relation of pastor and people between Dr. Eddy and the church was approved and our present pastor became his successor.

Dr. Davis is a native of Chelsea of the Green Mountain State; he was born in April, 1851, graduated at Dartmouth college, studied theology in Union seminary and immediately commenced his ministry at Beverly, Mass. He had a successful pastorate of seven years over

the Washington Street Congregational church and resigned that charge in May, 1884, to become our under-shepherd. Of Dr. Davis and his work in Detroit, this perhaps is not the occasion for me to speak at length. He and his services among us, and the position he has come to hold in this city and State, are well known to you all. His life and record here speak with greater emphasis than any words which could be uttered to-day upon this platform. He is yet in the midst of his service among this people, in this city and State, and no man's work can be measured until it is completed. Greater wisdom, faithfulness and zeal could not have characterized the ministry of any man; more love of people for pastor I believe could not be cherished, than abides in the hearts of all who worship within these walls. That wisdom and those resources which spring not wholly from experience or the lesson of years, but also from intuition, have from the first characterized our pastor's work among us. The church has been greatly blessed and its membership and influence materially increased under his ministry. Dr. Davis has recently closed his first decade of service among us with great satisfaction to his people, and we all truts that the close of the second decade will find him and all that belong to him still with this people.

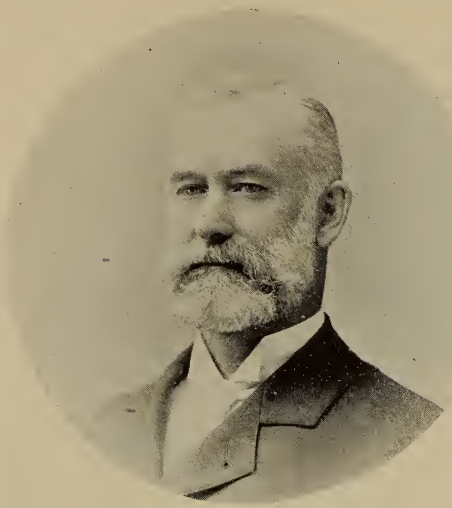


Deacon Arthur H. Bigg, M. D.
1891–1895.

The Building of the Third Church.

The time had now arrived in the life of this church when two important conditions, essential for its future prosperity, demanded a solution, viz.: the erection of a new building better adapted for the work of the church, and the removal of its location to one nearer the districts where its membership resided, and where in the years to come it could expect a greater fruitage for its labors. With existing

conditions growth could not be expected, and even present strength and influence could not much longer be maintained. The enthusiasm and zeal which so characterized the labors of our young pastor and his wife could not avert the inevitable. Love and loyalty to the old church on the part of her children were influential factors which kept the membership as large and the service as efficient as it was. While those who were with us and belonged to us could be held for a time, because of such affection, strangers could not be drawn by like influences, for they did not exist in their hearts, and removals and deaths made heavy requisitions upon membership and strength. While to all must be accorded sincerity in views and opinions, as to the wise course to be adopted, differences in these were to be expected, and they existed. To overcome these barriers and unify views, three or four fortunate factors became effective, and were eventually decisive, viz.: time, wise leadership, church loyalty, and a general disposition to abide by the will of the majority when expressed, as it was, without bitterness, but with kindness and sincerity. Such conditions, if permitted to prevail generally at such times, would save many churches from quarrels, heartburnings and disruptions.



Deacon Thomas Donnelly.
1892—

Within less than two years after the coming of Dr. Davis the necessity for this step became so pressing that initial steps were taken, first outside the society and church official action. In order to secure a desirable location before values of property should be greatly increased or desirable sites occupied, a few of our interested members obtained a contract for the corner lot at present occupied by this church for $13,300. The parties securing the contract were: Geo. R. Angell, J. K. Burnham, F. C. Stoepel, W. H. Strong, Allan Bourn,

F. C. Pingree, J. H. Avery, C. A. Warren, E. D. Jones and M. L. Williams. This action was taken chiefly for the advantage of this church, should the society in the near future be inclined to purchase the property for its use; otherwise, possibly, for another Congregational church—to be organized. This was in February, 1886. For more than a year some action by the church was awaited. None being taken, meetings were held in the spring of 1887 of those favoring the formation of a Congregational church for the more northern portions of the city. In April, 1887, articles of incorporation of the Plymouth Congregational Society were executed by thirty subscribers, all, with a single exception, belonging to the First Congregational Society, and in May following this new organization assumed the contract for the lot already described. During the following months plans were drawn for church and chapel, and pledges were secured amounting nearly to $10,000.

Such action, as might be expected, created uneasiness on the part of a majority of the members of this society, who felt that a division would be unwise and disastrous for both organizations, and that some solution *must* be reached whereby the First Church could retain substantially its existing membership and strength. This feeling soon crystalized in the following petition to the trustees of the First Society, in May, 1888:

> The members of the First Congregational Church and Society of Detroit, thinking it unwise to expend more money for repairs upon our church building, and considering its dilapidated condition, and the fact that personal contributions have become necessary to make up annual deficits to pay expenses and pastor's salary, believe a sale of the church property on the southeast corner of Fort and Wayne streets advisable, provided $1,000 or more per foot front can be obtained therefor. We therefore ask the trustees of the society to call a meeting of the society to consider the matter of authorizing said trustees to make such sale whenever they can obtain said price.
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> Signed:
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> H. E. Baker, Mrs. N. C. Avery,
> A. L. Stebbins, Geo. M. Lane,
> D. R. Shaw, F. Raymond,
> L. Connor, Chas. E. Fox,
> Hugh E. Kinney, F. W. Swift,
> Wm. A. Butler, W. C. Stoepel.

Complying with this request, a large meeting of the society was held June 14th, 1888, at which time the trustees were authorized to sell the church property upon the terms named, provided that a site for a new building shall have first been selected by a special committee

and approved by the society. The committee upon new site were: Messrs. E. D. Jones, J. L. Batchelder, E. C. Hinsdale, C. I. Walker, Allan Bourn, H. E. Baker, Geo. M. Lane, A. L. Stebbins, F. C. Pingree and C. H. Smith.

At a meeting of the society held October 8, 1888, the committee reported at length as to their action, and in conclusion recommended the acceptance of the following proposition from the trustees of the Plymouth Congregational Society, two members of the committee not concurring:

The trustees of the Plymouth Society, being duly authorized by their society, offer their property on the northeast corner of Woodward and Forest avenues, 88.5 feet front and 216 feet deep; also a subscription list for a new house of worship amounting to about $10,000, and a bank account of $300, all subject to a mortgage upon the property amounting to $13,000, and interest and taxes amounting to about $565, with a few unpaid bills against the society, provided the First Congregational Society, within two years from January 1, 1889, begin the erection of a new church and chapel upon said lot, to cost when completed not less than $75,000.

The report recommended that the trustees be instructed to purchase the property described upon the terms named. After an extended and kindly discussion the report was adopted with only ten negative votes, and the following committee on plans for the new building was selected: Messrs. Geo. R. Angell, Geo. P. Andrews, W. H. Strong, E. D. Jones, F. C. Pingree, F. H. Rogers, Allan Bourn, J. L. Batchelder, F. C. Stoepel, Geo. M. Lane, H. E. Baker, C. K. Latham and Miss Clara Avery. The pastor, Dr. Davis, was also made a member of the committee by a vote of the society. The property upon the corner of Fort and Wayne streets was sold for $78,000, and by agreement the church was permitted to occupy the same until the completion of the new chapel.



Deacon David Ogilvie.
1894—

The committee on plans soon found that the lot purchased had not sufficient width on Woodward Avenue for the erection of such a

building as was desirable, and the society therefore purchased an adjoining piece of land 40 feet in width and extending the whole length of the lot already secured. This provided a total frontage upon Woodward Avenue of 128.5 by 216 feet on Forest Avenue. The purchase price of this addition was at the rate of $185 per foot front.



Deacon Henry E. Baker.
1868—

In April, 1889, plans were submitted to the society for the new church and chapel, prepared by Mr. John L. Faxon, of Boston, Mass. Their adoption was recommended, subject to such minor changes as might seem best as the work progressed; the cost of the church and chapel not to exceed $90,000, exclusive of architect's fees and the organ. The report of the committee was adopted without a dissenting vote. At this same meeting the following building committee was appointed: Messrs. Geo. R. Angell, John L. Batchelder, Allan Bourn, A. L. Stebbins and John Belknap. Mr. Chas. K. Latham was subsequently made a member of the committee, vice Allan Bourn, who declined the appointment because of ill-health. To the members of this committee and to the architect we owe a great debt of gratitude for the valuable services they rendered. How faithfully and well they wrought is best voiced by this beautiful structure they have provided, so perfectly adapted for the use and purposes for which it was erected.

When bids for the construction of the church, according to the plans adopted, were received, it was found they could not be brought within the limit of $90,000 named by the society at its April meeting. It was therefore voted by the society to increase the amount to $110,000, providing that $20,000 be pledged within 60 days and before

the work of construction should be commenced. This larger sum, however, did not cover the cost of architect's fees, organ, gas fixtures, carpets, furniture, grading, walks and several minor expenses. Upon November 23, 1889, contracts for building the auditorium and chapel were executed by Messrs. Vinton & Co. and Alexander Chapoton, Jr., exclusive of marble work, the heating fixtures and the exceptions already mentioned; and before the close of the month work upon the construction was commenced. During 1890 the latter was pushed with as much energy as possible. Upon June 3d the corner-stone was laid with appropriate services, including those of prayer and song, with brief addresses by Rev. W. W. Ramsay, D. D., of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. R. W. Clark, D. D., of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church; Rev. C. R. Henderson, D. D., of the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church; Rev. M. A. Brownson, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church and Rev. H. P. DeForest, D. D., of the Woodward Avenue Congregational Church. Rev. Drs. Z. Eddy and P. R. Hurd also took part in the services.

Final Services in the Old Church.

In February, 1891, the chapel was completed and ready for occupancy. Upon the first Sabbath of that month the last religious services in the old church were held. Those of the morning included addresses by several speakers upon reminiscences and the historical record of the thirty-six years during which the church had occupied the building, viz.:

An Excursion into the Past R. W. King.
The Old First in the Civil War Gen. F. W. Swift.
The Visible Record of Thirty-six Years Geo. M. Lane.
Reminiscences H. E. Baker.

In the afternoon final communion services were held. At this last gathering also the new deacons and deaconesses recently elected were formally set apart for their work. The exercises were impressive, of deep interest, and the day was one which will long be remembered for the record it closed. For a generation that house had been our church home; and while there was very much that could be recalled and expressed by words, there were other associations and recollections too sacred and too secret for utterance. The latter could only be brought back in silence and alone; some with emotions of

great joy and thanksgiving, others with deep grief and kindred feelings, of which there were evidences by the falling tear or the heart too full for expression.

The New Chapel Occupied.

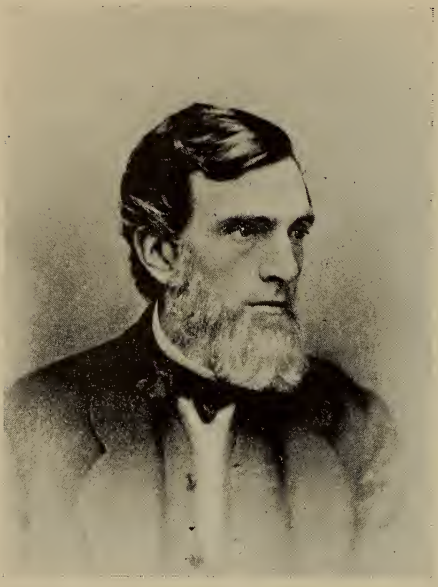
Upon the second Sabbath in February the new chapel was first occupied for worship, only the usual Sabbath services being held, conducted by the pastor.

With the closing weeks of the year 1891 this beautiful temple, erected for the worship and honor of God, and for such services as we, His children, can render, approached completion; and in December it was ready for dedication. Much as we rejoiced upon that day, this second Sabbath of the month, when we entered these courts, the day will not longer be remembered nor cherished with deeper interest than will those hours of the preceding Sabbath morning, when the work of preparation was finished, that the *whole building* could be offered to our God, and no man have any claim upon it. From corner-stone to tower-top it was to be the Lord's. Never were the leadings or the influences of the Holy Spirit more apparent in the history of this church than upon that morning, when the financial statement had been made by the chairman of the building committee, and the moment had arrived when the willing and hearty offerings of this people were solicited that the whole indebtedness for the construction of the building should be provided for. It has been called, and perhaps with truth, "The memorable hour in the history of this church." Willingness soon ripened into desire in the hearts of those present to make their offerings unto the Lord; and that morning the disappointment was the heaviest within the hearts of those who had nothing or but little they could give. Repeated attempts to close the exercises were interrupted by the continued coming of those who wished still further to share in the privilege of giving. The whole service was, as has been well said: "A token of the deep interest the church felt in the enterprise; a witness of harmony and good will that was an inspiration."

The Dedication.

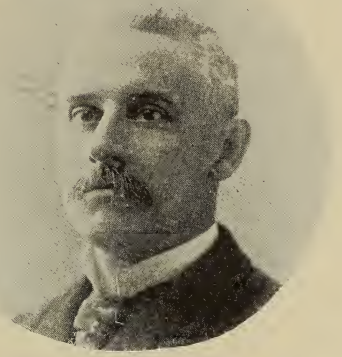
Dedication day, December 13th, 1891, was a perfect one, more like a beautiful October than a winter day. It seemed as though the Lord was smiling upon the offering His people were making. At the

communion services, at 9 a. m., 21 members were received, making 134 additions for the whole year. At the table Drs. Kitchel and Ballard, former pastors of the church, officiated. The services of dedication were at 10:30 a. m. The sermon was preached by Rev. Henry A. Stimson, D. D., pastor of the Pilgrim Church, St. Louis, Mo., from the text, "Run, speak to that young man, saying Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, for the multitude of men and cattle therein;" Zech. ii:4. Revs. H. L. Hammond, H. D. Kitchel, D. D., P. R. Hurd, D. D., N. S. Wright and J. D. Liggett assisted in the services. The afternoon was given up to exercises by the Sabbath school and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Addresses were delivered by the Superintendent of the Sabbath school, Mr. W. H. Strong, and Messrs. Geo. R. Angell, P. T. Van Zile and Dr. Davis. At the evening service, former pastors gave us narrative and reminiscence, each dwelling upon the work of the church during the years of his own pastorate. It was expected that every former pastor of the church would have been present upon this occasion; but only one month before the dedication Dr. Eddy had been removed by death, and Deacon H. E. Baker spoke of his work during his pastorate of eleven years. Upon Monday evening a reception was given by the church to former pastors, and upon Tuesday evening congratulatory addresses and greetings were made by Rev. Z. Grenell, D. D., of the First Baptist Church; Rev. Wm. Prall, D. D., of St. John's Episcopal Church; Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D., of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church; Rev. C. T. Allen, D. D., of the Cass Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. H. P. DeForest, D. D., of the Woodward Avenue Congregational Church, and Rev. L. Morgan Wood, of the Plymouth Congregational Church. By such services



ROBERT W. KING.
Sunday School Superintendent—1860-1864.

was completed and consecrated a work which for several years had engaged the hearts and hands of this people. Never has a church received a greater blessing in the building of a house for the Lord than has come to us in the erection of this temple. As we look back over the years covering the planning and the execution, it is plain that we have been led by the Head of the Church all the way. Such a step has been the rock upon which many churches have been split and almost wrecked, but for us this service has been a source of good during all these years. To-day we are stronger for the work completed, and happier in all that which we are able to render our God in the house He has helped us to build for Him.



JOHN DAVIS.
Sunday School Superintendent—1887–1891.



WILLIAM H. STRONG.
Sunday School Superintendent—1891—

The prosperity that followed the occupancy of our present location has fully confirmed the judgment and foresight of those who from the beginning advocated our removal to this part of the city. In fact our growth in membership and in every department of church work has far exceeded the expectations and even hopes of the most earnest advocates of the change.

Our membership December 31st, 1890, was..... 430

To-day we number..... 677

Showing an increase in membership of more than 57 per cent. in four years.

The enrollment of our Sabbath school Dec. 31st, 1890, about..... 175

To-day it is more than..... 600

The Cost of the Lot and Building.

The cost of the church building, including the fixtures and the furnishings, and the lot, is stated by the building committee to have been as follows:

Contracts with Vinton & Co. and Alex. Chapoton, Jr.	$103,000 00
Marble work	1,500 00
Furnace, boilers and heating fixtures	4,050 00
Electric motor	540 00
Gas fixtures for chapel	650 00
Furniture and church furnishings	5,265 00
Organ $6,000, less $1,000 allowed for old organ	5,000 00
Enlargement of chapel over specifications	1,500 00
Substitution of stone walls between church and chapel, instead of brick, as specified	1,500 00
Substitution of stone for wood tracery in north and south transept windows	1,050 00
Completion of front Loggia	1,150 00
Additional front steps, not in contract	688 00
Drains and paving between church and chapel	434 00
Extras furnished by contractors for changes in basement, net.	952 60
Grading, sodding and stone walks	965 98
Architect's fees	10,000 00
Sundry other items and interest paid, chargeable to building fund, estimated in part	6,000 00
Total cost of church building and furnishings	$144,245 58
Total cost of lot	20,675 00
Total cost for buildings and lot	$164,920 58
The balance yet unpaid amounts to about	$ 9,000 00

Pastors' Wives.

While it is true that few churches have been equally blessed with our own in those who have occupied the pastoral office, it is also true that few churches have been equally favored in the pastors' wives who, from time to time, have come among us. It has come to be the fact that often, next to the pastor, there is no one in the church who enters the homes and into the hearts of so many as the wife of the pastor, and through such ministries her place and influence follows close upon that of her husband throughout the parish. In this parish the Master has sent us not only pastors, but pastors' wives pre-em-

inently fitted for the position and duties which have come to be allotted to them. Each has had her individuality, and each has wrought faithfully and well in the place she has occupied.

Of Mrs. MARY J. HAMMOND, wife of the first pastor of this church, very little can now be gathered. She was one of the thirteen



MRS. MARY J. HAMMOND.
Wife of Rev. H. L. Hammond.

charter members of this church. Her life among this people was for so short a time, only two and one-half years, that a marked impress upon the work could hardly be expected. She is remembered with pleasure by perhaps the half-dozen remaining with us who can recall their acquaintance with her. She was not possessed of those marked traits which would constitute her a leader of many; yet she exhibited

a beautiful character and life, gentleness of manner, with a gift of making friends, and of attaching them strongly to her. Her Christian life was earnest and sincere; she loved the church and the work of her Lord, and to the best of her abilities she served it and her Master.

A dark shadow fell upon the church, and a great sorrow entered many hearts, when Mrs. ANN S. KITCHEL was removed from us by



MRS. ANN S. KITCHEL.
Wife of Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D.

death in June, 1858. She was a wife in whom the heart of her husband implicitly trusted, and one whom the church felt they could not give up. She had come to occupy a large place in her home, in the hearts of the people and in the city; and who could fill it? Mrs. Kitchel was a woman of great strength of character, of rare natural

abilities, and all were made increasingly effective by her education, refinement and the virtues which so adorned her life. Year by year, until she closed the decade she was permitted to spend here, she grew to fill greater and higher places in the estimation of all who came within the range of her acquaintance and influence. She sought not for place or preferment, but only was willing to step up and out that



MRS. ELISABETH L. FREELAND.
Wife of Rev. S. M. Freeland.

she might better do her Master's service; yet she preferred quiet and unobtrusive ways for accomplishing whatever came into her hands to perform.

It was not my privilege to meet her often or to know much of her work; but I can remember her as specially interested in behalf of young people, the boys and the girls of the church; and any whom she could reach and influence were certain of an invaluable friend and counsellor. Her time, strength and all the service she could render

were at their command, and her joy was complete could she only do them good and show them the better life. Sympathy, charity and kindness were always at hand for those in need. Relative to her and the place she filled among this people it has been truly said: "Her loss to the church was irreparable."

To write of such a life and character as was that of Mrs. JULIA P. BALLARD requires the hand of a delicate touch. In her were united contrasting characteristics; shrinking even to timidity, yet courageous; gentle, yet firm; unassuming and retiring yet always ready to do her part, however much nature rebelled; it was her delight to lead and rule with love covering the firm hand; all of which traits were blended into a character so rounded and symmetrical, that perhaps one word only would fully describe, and that word is "beautiful."

Rare intellectual gifts were hers, and they were consecrated for the uplifting and improvement of all with whom she could come into touch. When this church celebrated its quarter-centennial, Dr. Ballard at that time being our pastor, the contributions of her graceful pen added much to the enjoyment and profit of the services. She was the author of eighteen books, many of which are upon the shelves of our Sunday school libraries. Her two latest books, viz.: Insect Life and Among the Moths and Butterflies, are contributions to science of much value, especially to the young, while they have also to such an extent commended themselves to naturalists by the charm of their style and by their contributions to natural history, as to win for her an honorary membership in the London Society of Science, Letters and Arts. Her study of Nature, however, in which she took such delight, only led her to a closer relation to Nature's God; indeed, in all and through all and dominating all was the "other worldliness," which so possessed her heart that her religion was not a thing apart, but was her very life. Her love for the Master was so true, and so much a part of her very being, that she could say with Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Once in the early part of her service as a pastor's wife she was called to some public duty, from which she shrank with the feeling that it was impossible for her to perform it. In speaking of it in after years to a friend she said: "All the way from my house to the church I kept repeating to myself, 'for Jesus' sake, for Jesus' sake,' and for His sake I was able to do it." This was the key-note and ruling motive of her life, and it was this perfect consecration which

enabled her "to overcome" and to fill so successfully in all its varied duties the position which devolved upon her as the wife of the pastor.

Upon April 14, 1894, she fell asleep in this world and wakened in the one just beyond. It was to her a going home:—

God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What He has given;
They live on earth in thought and deed, as truly
As in His heaven.

In the eleven years of the life and labors of Mrs. MALVINA R. EDDY in our midst, this church and the service of the Master in the city and State were greatly blessed. It has been allotted to but few to fulfill all the ministry which she was able to accomplish. She was a person of marked capabilities, and was pre-eminently fitted for the duties which came to her hands in the home and in the church.

By Mrs. Eddy there was a thorough consecration to the work of her Lord, whatever it was. What she was in her *home* many of us have witnessed, and have seen that she was thoroughly loyal in such service as could be rendered by a faithful wife and mother. In the *church* she was a wise leader and organizer, and was especially effective in the execution of whatever she had planned. Added to this consecration, was a sincere love for the work which was hers to perform. For the poor and the afflicted she had sympathy, with such material aid and other service as she could render. Sacrifice of personal ease and comfort was cheerfully granted, if thereby some call could be answered, some gap filled, or a cup of cold water given to some thirsty one.

Especially was the cause of missions dear to her, and woman's work in the great enterprises of the church received from her efficient aid and support. Of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions she was one of the strongest promoters; and by her similar associations were formed among the young ladies and the children of this church The local and the home work was made more efficient by the organization of the Ladies' Union, not only in the service wrought, but in the money secured and disbursed for many worthy objects. In all such labors the women of the church could not have received a more hearty support than was rendered by Mrs. Eddy. Such value was placed by the church upon her eleven years' work that, when she was about to leave, a formal expression was made of its appreciation of the

"untiring devotion" of Mrs. Eddy to the best interests of the church and the Master's cause, and in the promotion of Christian activity and benevolence in all His work.

At Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. Eddy finished her work of preparation, and commenced the higher duties of her life in the other world, upon November 25, 1886.

I am conscious of a feeling of embarrassment in speaking, even briefly, of the service of her who now leads so efficiently the work of



MRS. EMMA P. DAVIS.
Wife of Rev. W. H. Davis, D. D.

women and children in our midst. She and her life are known to you all, and nothing which might now be said could better acquaint you with that life and work among us, or cause her to be held in higher estimation by this people. For all these ten years she has been

successful in leadership, tireless in the labors which have fallen to her hands, manifesting a wisdom beyond the experience of her years. Sympathetic in all that enters any home or heart, whether of joy or grief, success or misfortune; cordial and sincere in word and life, her presence invariably brings light, cheer and comfort. She is in the midst of her days and service among this people; all hearts unite in the hope that these days may be multiplied into many years before she shall be removed from us.

The Diaconate.

Sherman S. Barnard and Chas. Howard were the two deacons first elected by this church. These men were quite marked in their contrasts in character and in the tenor of their lives. Deacon Barnard will be remembered by many present, for he was spared until August, 1881. He was an active, energetic and successful business man for his day, and for twenty or more years was well known in commercial circles in our city and State. He was a man of marked force of character and great persistency. To yield was not always easy with him, yet he sincerely loved that which was good and right, and favored whatever he believed was promotive of such results. Of his work for this church, and what he sacrificed for it, mention has already been made. As exhibiting his affection for the church, I recall one incident which occurred during his closing years. It will be remembered that nearly two years intervened between the pastorates of Drs. Ballard and Eddy. At that time it seemed to him that his years were nearly numbered, though his life was unexpectedly prolonged. He took great interest in the choice and in the coming of the new pastor. I remember meeting him one day near his home walking with much feebleness, and conversation soon turned upon the absorbing thought in his heart. He uttered with deep emotion his belief that probably his days were well nigh numbered, but, with a manner which impressed itself upon me at the time, he expressed a longing desire that he might be spared to see and to greet a new pastor over this church; showing evidently that it was a matter of great interest and concern to him.

Deacon Chas. Howard will be remembered by few now with us, as he removed from the city in 1861. He was a man of quiet life, kindly and genial in manner, always ready, so far as possible, "to lend a hand" where needed, large hearted, sympathetic in disposition, and

a friend to any who needed a friend. In church work he was always ready and service seemed a pleasure to him. I remember him away back in the fifties, at the mid-week church meetings. He generally occupied the same sitting, and when the pastor had concluded the opening services, Deacon Howard, like good Deacon Walker of later days, was generally the first to follow with remark or prayer. By both these men the church was well served for many years. They were biennially re-elected until 1849, when Silas M. Holmes was chosen a third deacon. About this time a proposition to elect deacons for an unlimited term failed. At the election in January, 1856, five were chosen for the ensuing two years, viz.: Deacons Barnard, Howard and Holmes re-elected, with Messrs. Lyman Baldwin and Francis Raymond added. At the election in 1861, after a service of twelve years, Deacon Holmes declined a re-election, and Deacon Howard had removed, or was about to remove, from the city. The five then chosen were Deacons Barnard, Baldwin and Raymond re-elected, with Messrs. C. I. Walker and William Warner new members of the Board. In 1865 the wisdom of such frequent elections was again questioned, and all the deacons resigned, the alleged reason being "to enable the church to effect such election with as little variation as may be from Congregational polity." The resignations were accepted, and it was then voted "that this church now proceed to the election of five deacons subject to the established usages of Congregationalism." If the members knew what these "established usages" were, they failed to state them, and the church was left quite as much in the dark as ever. Deacons Baldwin, Barnard and Raymond were continued, and Mr. T. L. Partridge was chosen a new member. The fifth member was not elected. At the annual meeting in 1866 Messrs. C. I. Walker and C. E. Silsbee were selected additional members of the board, and the services of Deacon Walker have continued since then without interruption. In 1869 and 1870 unsuccessful efforts again were made to



MRS. BESSIE G. BOURN.
Deaconess—1891–1892.

prescribe some limit to the term of office, and without interpreting what was "Congregational usage," Messrs. H. E. Bostwick and H. E. Baker were added to the Diaconate in 1868, and Geo. M. Lane in 1874. In 1878 E. C. Hinsdale and Frank Milligan were elected "to serve during the continuance of their church membership with this church."

At length, in 1891, decisive action was taken relative to the official term for deacons, in a rule providing that thereafter they should be elected for four years, and that they should be ineligible for re-election for one year after the expiration of their terms of office. By that action the unwritten law of the church relative to those then in office was understood to be that they should continue in service so long as they were members of the church, unless removed for cause. Three new deacons were then elected, viz.: Messrs. Allan Bourn, A. H. Bigg and E. D. Jones. Subsequent additions to the board have been Mr. Thos. Donnelly, in 1892, and Mr. David Ogilvie, in 1894, vice Deacon Allan Bourn, resigned.

In 1882, the question of establishing the office of deaconess was brought before the church for consideration by the request of the pastor. The matter was referred to a committee composed wholly of ladies, and by them it was opposed. That killed it for that time. In 1890, however, the proposition was again considered; it met with favor and was adopted. The rule provided for the election of eight deaconesses, each for the term of four years without eligibility for re-election for one year after the expiration of terms of service. In 1891, at the closing services held at the old church on Fort street, the following, having been elected to the office, were formally set apart for their work, viz.: Mrs. Frances C. Wright, Mrs. Mary H. Hall, Miss May C. Mallory, Mrs. Bessie G. Bourn, Miss Laura S. Adams, Mrs. Jane Smith, and Miss Martha L. Miller. To fill vacancies, the following additional deaconesses have been selected, viz.: Mrs. Helen A. Clark



Miss May C. Mallory.
Deaconess—1891—

and Mrs. Sadie J. Kiskadden. The board to-day is composed of those named, except that Mrs. Bourn resigned by reason of her removal from the city.

The Missionary Spirit and Work.

It is a cause for thanksgiving that this church has so generally been animated by an active missionary spirit and a desire to promote Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad. Our records for fifty years show a sincere effort in aiding to belt the whole earth with the gospel of the Redeemer. Before we were twelve months old the church, by a formal vote, established the Monthly Concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, and it has been maintained ever since with rare, if any, interruptions. I believe this to have been one of the happiest and most important acts taken by this young church, or that could be taken by any church, as a regulation for its future life. Was that action taken in vain and has it failed to bear fruit? I find by the records of the Treasurer's office of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in Boston, Mass., that during the first year of our existence this church is credited with $268.37 contributed for the work of that great organization, and that *every year* since then, without exception, that Board has been remembered by this church with material aid. Upon the statistical statement prepared, showing the record of our benevolences for fifty years, there is not one blank space opposite the name of that society during all that time.

The record for that other grand organization, the American (now the Congregational) Home Missionary Society, is almost the same as that of the American Board. There are only six years out of the fifty, during which it is reported that aid from this church was not received for that work. I am quite confident, however, there is some error in that report, and that a more careful examination would show there are not even six years when offerings were not made for that society by this people.

The records of our church show that previous to January, 1875, when weekly Sabbath offerings were commenced, the planning for regular and systematic collections for our benevolences and the most efficient methods for taking them, were matters of frequent consideration at annual and other meetings of the church; while later records of work in the organizations of our woman's boards, young

ladies' and children's associations, Sabbath school and Young People's Society, all show that the spirit of that early action of 1845 has been a moving influence in the hearts of this people all these years, and has added greatly to the power and success of this church in all its work.

City Evangelization.

In city evangelization the church has always taken an active interest. At the first annual church meeting ever held, viz., in January, 1865, reports were received from members working in seven different mission Sabbath schools, either as officers or teachers, though the church had not up to that time assumed control of any special school or mission. Members, however, contributed liberally in aid of such work when solicited. At that first annual meeting, however, a committee was appointed to report upon the wisdom and need of establishing a Sabbath school in the ninth ward. The mission was soon organized, but not in the name of the church. Mr. D. M. Richardson inaugurated, took charge of the work, and was responsible for the same for about nine years, erecting at his own charge, or with such aid as individually he could secure, a large and commodious chapel upon the corner of Howard street and Trumbull avenue. The school was also largely manned by members from this church. In 1875 the church, by a formal vote, assumed charge of the school, and held itself responsible for its entire management, supplying teachers and funds for the work. Mr. Richardson continued as superintendent until 1876, when, after a service of ten or more years, he declined a re-election, and Mr. M. L. Williams was selected his successor. Each of these gentlemen gave many years of faithful and efficient services, besides material aid, and to them are we largely indebted for the great prosperity that has always characterized the work.

In January, 1876, about two months after assuming control of the Trumbull avenue school, a like supervision was taken of the "Fort Wayne Sabbath School." This mission was first organized in a small room within the limits of the fort, and afterwards was removed outside the fortifications. Mr. W. H. Scott about that time was the superintendent, but not long after, by reason of Mr. Scott's removal from the city, Mr. W. H. Russell, now of Omaha, Nebraska, became his successor, and for many years he was the efficient and faithful leader of the work.

In 1880 the church called Rev. R. W. Wallace, of London, Ontario, to take charge of these two missions, preaching upon the Sabbath at each station, and also doing pastoral work in the two fields; the expectation being that, in the near future, churches would be organized at both places. In the following April, 1881, this was accomplished; about twenty individuals took letters from this church to unite with the Trumbull Avenue (now the Plymouth) Congregational Church, and several for the Fort Wayne Church.

Both of these churches continued under the care of Mr. Wallace until the close of his first year's engagement, when his whole service was devoted to the Trumbull avenue work, and other provision was made for the Fort Wayne Church. Both of these are now vigorous and growing churches, and are known one as the Plymouth and the other the Fort Street Congregational Churches.

This church continued its direct aid and supervision over these two missions, contributing annually towards their support, until they were assumed and became part of the work of the Detroit Congregational Union, our denominational board, through which our city mission work has been prosecuted. Through that organization our yearly offerings have ranged from $1,200 to $2,000 or more, besides responding to special frequent appeals for help in the erection of chapels or other objects made necessary by the prosperity of the work.



Mrs. Sadie J. Kiskadden.
1893—

The Canfield avenue and the Mount Hope missions and the Brewster Congregational Church never came exclusively under the care of this church, but have always been a part of the work of the Detroit Congregational Union. We have always, however, been so deeply interested in them, that they seem a part of us, and it is only just, perhaps, that they should be noticed in connection with our city work.

Mention is made of the tireless and self-sacrificing devotion of our brother, the Rev. N. S. Wright, who founded the Canfield Avenue Mission in 1883, and who for a decade or more has superintended the

various interests which have grown and centered in and about that work. Out of the latter has come the initial organization of a church of about thirty members, of which Mr. Wright has had the pastoral charge. The work includes a large Sabbath School, with various departments; a Christian Endeavor Society; an association of the ladies, and possibly other organizations, all actively engaged in the interests and duties belonging to such societies.

A like church organization has also been formed among the Poles, under the earnest labors of Rev. Jno. Lewis, the Polish missionary of the Union, who for many years has worked among his people. Sixteen have been gathered into the fold. For aid and convenience, the membership of both these "branches" stands with this church, but only until they shall have attained sufficient strength for independent organizations. This, it is believed, will not be far in the future.

The Mount Hope Sabbath School was formed about twelve years since by Mr. W. H. Russell, and for several years he was its faithful leader. To Mr. Allan Bourn, the successor of Mr. Russell, we are much indebted, not only for the many years of invaluable personal service he rendered that school and church, but for his munificence in the erection of a commodious building occupied by the mission, and which is so perfectly adapted for all the departments of work centered at Mount Hope. Since the removal of Mr. Bourn from the city several years ago, Mr. J. A. Reichrath has been the efficient superintendent of the school.

Brewster is the latest born of our circle of churches. Young, yet old. She has had no birthday, and counts her days only by weeks, or, at the most, only by months, and yet she is old by reason of her strength, her works, and the position she has taken in the sisterhood of the Christian churches of the city. From the day of her organization, nearly one hundred strong, she has had no struggle. She sprung into life matured and well equipped for the service for which existence was given her. About thirty left us for this new work, with the heartiest prayers and good will of this church, rejoicing with her in the rich harvest that could almost be seen and measured upon the day of seed sowing and of planting. At each communion since organization goodly numbers have come into the fold, as evidence of the faithful work being done in that part of the vineyard, and that the favor and blessing of the Great Head of the Church surely rests and abides with that people.

The Ballot for Women in the Church.

The question of suffrage for women in the church has received more or less attention from an early day in our history, and much like the same question in politics, it would not remain "settled" until decided in favor of the women.

In February, 1845, less than sixty days after the organization of the church, the motion "That our rules be so amended as to permit female members to vote on admission of members" to the church was tabled for future action, but there is no record that it was again considered. The question slept for a long time, but did not die. At the election for deacons in March, 1861, by special vote "the sisters in the church were permitted to vote," but the *rule* was not changed. The third time the matter received attention was at a church meeting in May, 1866, when a motion to change the rules, to permit female members to vote at church meetings was tabled. This time, however, it was settled for only about two years. In October, 1868, a motion granting suffrage to female members "was laid upon the table and the matter referred to pastor and deacons," but the committee never reported. In September, 1870, the motion was actually adopted to strike out the word "brethren" where it refers to voting and insert the word "members." But at this time the right of suffrage was extended to our ladies only fourteen days, for in two weeks the vote was reconsidered and the old rule restored. Four years later, in 1874, the seventh attempt failed and for another term of four years elections were not disturbed. Nevertheless the leaven continued to work and in November, 1878, the following new rule was adopted by substantially a unanimous vote: "Article 4, Sec. 4. All members of this church of twenty-one years of age and upwards in full and regular standing shall be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the church for action; every rule of this church now in force conflicting with the foregoing, is to that extent hereby made of no effect." No attempt has been made since that date to change or modify the rule, and it seems to be as well established as any of our church statutes.

Our Representatives in the Civil War.

In his quarter-centennial address Judge Walker spoke somewhat in detail of those from this church and congregation who served in the army during the civil war, and Gen. F. W. Swift in his address at the closing exercises held in the old church dwelt even more at length on the same subject. With such records already made, only a brief

mention of these patriotic services will now be necessary. We cannot too highly honor the memories or value the sacrifices then rendered by our men in the struggle. The Nation lives, but her life was only preserved by the labors and lives of the almost unknown multitudes who gave themselves for her preservation. This government and people have manifested their gratitude and appreciation for what the "boys in blue" accomplished, and we cannot speak with too great reverence and honor of those of our number who were at the front in those dark days in our nation's history. With gratitude, therefore, to-night we recall and name them for what they have done for us, viz.:

EDWIN S. ACKER, 9th Michigan Infantry.
JAMES C. ACKER, 2nd Michigan Cavalry.
CHAS. H. CURTISS, 7th Michigan Infantry.
STEPHEN S. BARROWS, 9th Michigan Infantry.
FRANCIS RAYMOND, JR., 24th Michigan Infantry.
CHAS. J. NALL, Medical Staff, Regular Army.
HENRY W. NALL, 7th and 24th Michigan Infantry.
FRANK W. RICE, 1st Michigan Infantry.
JOHN TYLER, 1st and 17th Michigan Infantry.
WM. S. BLISS, 1st Michigan Light Artillery.
E. M. CONKLIN, 9th Michigan Infantry.
G. S. WORMER, 8th Michigan Cavalry.
FREDERICK W. SWIFT, 17th Michigan Infantry.
HERBERT ADAMS, 24th Michigan Infantry.
LUTHER S. TROWBRIDGE, 5th Michigan Cavalry.
H. D. EDWARDS, 1st Massachusetts Cavalry.
PHILETUS W. NORRIS, —— Ohio Infantry.
GEO. M. LANE, 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics.

Dr. Dwight Stebbins served as a volunteer surgeon for the Sanitary Commission, Rev. O. C. Thompson was in the employ of the Christian Commission for a time, and L. F. Harter was in the Paymaster's Department of the Navy.

Those who were killed or died in the service were Henry W. Nall, Wm. S. Bliss, Edward M. Conklin, Herbert Adams and Dr. Dwight Stebbins.

THE RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP.

Our church life began with thirteen members, and to-day we bear upon our rolls of membership 677.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Year Ending Dec. 31	Admissions.			Dismissed by Letter.	Deaths.	Cut Off.	Members Dec. 31.
	By Confession.	By Letter.	Total.				
1844	1	21	22	..	..	..	22
1845	7	34	41	3	..	..	60
1846	7	16	23	..	..	..	83
1847	22	8	30	6	..	..	107
1848	35	26	61	11	2	..	155
1849	4	16	20	13	4	..	158
1850	3	20	23	4	1	..	176
1851	29	31	60	9	1	..	226
1852	4	26	30	12	4	..	240
1853	2	19	21	5	7	1	248
1854	1	12	13	10	6	..	245
1855	21	30	51	16	1	..	279
1856	12	41	53	22	3	..	307
1857	9	27	36	38	2	5	298
1858	47	25	72	14	5	..	351
1859	10	17	27	10	7	2	359
1860	2	12	14	20	1	..	352
1861	1	16	17	11	2	1	355
1862	11	18	29	15	3	1	365
1863	5	13	18	23	3	36	321
1864	6	7	13	15	6	..	313
1865	55	32	87	25	5	..	370
1866	7	8	15	128	2	..	255
1867	9	9	18	12	3	..	258
1868	10	9	19	3	3	5	266
1869	21	9	30	11	6	..	279
1870	16	22	38	19	2	..	296
1871	9	10	19	11	4	..	300
1872	4	3	7	13	3	..	291
1873	5	19	24	10	4	2	299
1874	46	72	118	5	4	..	408
1875	12	21	33	19	7	..	415
1876	18	23	41	17	5	..	434
1877	39	24	63	19	7	..	471
1878	18	25	43	15	6	3	490
1879	3	15	18	9	11	3	485
1880	50	16	66	29	7	13	502
1881	5	6	11	47	8	1	457
1882	8	16	24	28	7	12	434
1883	3	10	13	19	7	..	421
1884	4	13	17	32	4	2	400
1885	22	29	51	29	6	21	395
1886	12	31	43	19	2	3	414
1887	23	13	36	14	3	..	435
1888	14	11	25	26	4	..	428
1889	21	14	35	17	8	..	438
1890	16	17	33	23	6	12	430
1891	41	71	112	22	8	1	511
1892	28	43	71	19	8	..	555
1893	26	58	84	15	6	..	618
1894	65	49	114	34	10	..	677
Unknown	..	..	...	5	5	1	
Total	849	1,133	1,982	951	229	125	

In the foregoing statement, the members of the Polish branch, and of the Canfield Avenue branch, are not included, although the standing of the members of both these branches is with this church.

During these fifty years we have had many seasons when the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit was especially manifest to convict and to save, in answer to the united prayer of His people. Then there have been others when spiritual famine prevailed, and the vineyard of the Lord was dry and barren. Generally, however, His abiding in the hearts of this people has been apparent, and the word preached or spoken has been fruitful according to the promises.

During the early months of 1847, Rev. Chas. G. Finney labored in this church in connection with the pastor; and in the following winter, viz., 1847–8, the services of the evangelist, Rev. J. T. Avery, were secured for a season. The results of all this work were manifest in the growth of the church in numbers and in strength. The years 1851 and 1852 were fruitful ones, both in conversions and in the increase of membership. The great revivals of the winter and spring of 1858 will be remembered by many, and our own church shared in the fruitage of that work. Union meetings were held, but the pastors led in the work in their own parishes, generally without special help. About fifty were added to this church upon confession of faith, and a large number by letter. By many the labors of Rev. E. P. Hammond in the winter and spring of 1865-6, will be recalled. As the result of that work nearly sixty were added to our number by confession of faith, and thirty brought letters from other churches. The years 1874, 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1880 were seasons when the church was especially blessed; the earnest, faithful work of our pastor in the preaching of the Word bringing goodly numbers into the church. The work for 1880 was materially aided by the co-labors of Dr. Geo. R. Pentecost, who preached for several weeks in our church, continuing afterwards the services at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church. The decade of years commencing with 1885 has been marked by steady accessions to our membership; those years have been among the most fruitful ones in the history of our church. During that period our pastor received no assistance until the memorable winter of 1893–4. At that time many of our pastors and churches united with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in a work extending throughout almost the entire city. Never before was Detroit so moved from center to circumference by the power of the

Holy Spirit as during those eventful weeks. Unbelievers and those who manifested little or no sympathy with the work, were compelled to witness and acknowledge the wonderful presence of the Spirit moving and working so mysteriously within the hearts of men. Wherever the Word was preached the churches were thronged, while the spectacle of the thousands crowding the Auditorium day and night would have been almost beyond belief, had it not been witnessed. All the churches uniting were greatly blessed and strengthened. Our own reaped a fruitful harvest, making the record of 1894, the fiftieth of our semi-centennial, among the best in the history of the church for its increase in membership, viz.: 65 on confession, and 49 by letter, a total of 114.



MRS. HELEN A. CLARK.
Deaconess—1892—

Special mention has been made of ingatherings when evangelistic help was employed in the service. In that do not think we would belittle or fail to appreciate and honor the faithful labors of the pastors of the church. At the time of great harvests we rejoice when our eye can scarcely compass the limits of the fields of grain ready for the reaper, or when we see the barns filled and the presses bursting with "new wine." At such times do we give credit for all of this to the hired laborers of the day? Rather, we remember, with gratitude, the husbandmen who for years have cleared, have cultivated, mellowed, enriched, plowed, cast in the seed and made the harvest possible. To-night, therefore, we remember the men who have all these fifty years wrought faithfully and have made such rich ingatherings possible. To-night it is with pleasure we name and honor Hammond, Kitchel, Freeland, Ballard, Eddy and Davis. They have been our leaders these fifty years, and with the faithful men and women who have prayed and worked together with them, all of whose agencies God hath blessed, have made it possible that we should see this day in our history with all its precious fruits and reminiscences.

The Sabbath School and Other Church Organizations.

Beyond the fact that immediately upon the organization of the church it was voted that upon January 12, 1845, a Sabbath school would also be organized, no record exists for nearly ten years relative to that very important branch of church work. In January, 1853, Deacon Chas. Howard was elected superintendent, but it is nowhere stated who were his predecessors. It is thought, however, that he also served in that office most, if not all, the preceding years of the existence of the school. Succeeding him, the following individuals have served as superintendents in the order named, viz.: Rev. O. C. Thompson, Messrs. C. S. Cushing, H. E. Baker, R. W. King, E. C. Hinsdale, R. W. King a second term, H. E. Bostwick, Geo. M. Lane, Allan Bourn, John Davis and W. H. Strong.

No record can be found of offerings made by the school previous to 1865, but there is no doubt offerings were made during many, if not all, those earlier years. For 1865 they amounted to $193, and during 1866 to $241. Commencing with 1865, and including 1894, the aggregate amount collected by the school is $11,737, not counting the $1,000 paid by the school into the church building fund in aid of the erection of this church building. With that, the record is almost $13,000 for the thirty years.

The work of the bible school has always been of great efficiency and value, not only to the church for the yearly increase in strength and numbers which it has steadily received from that source, and for the material aid obtained through Sabbath offerings, but because of the planting of the seed during all these fifty years which has leavened the hearts and the lives of many thousands of children who have received the Word.



Miss Laura S. Adams.
Deaconess—1891—

And just here it is gratifying to make mention of a very happy feature which has become so apparent in the lives of many of our children and young people, members of our Sabbath school and other church organizations, viz.: the interest manifested by them in all that pertains to the welfare and the prosperity of the church. Of late

they have appeared to take increased delight in the hours spent within these walls, and to place a higher value upon the work and activities continually alive in and about these rooms. If this homely feeling and interest can be maintained, and also the belief impressed upon them that it is *their* privilege to share in all that is here being wrought; that this church and all it represents is as much for them to enjoy as for those who are older, the educational influences for good in their lives during all their years will exceed measure or estimate.

The oldest association among the women of the church is the Women's Board of Foreign Missions. It was first a union organization formed in 1869, and included women from Presbyterian and Congregational churches. Early in 1871 the constituency of the Presbyterian churches withdrew to prosecute their own work. The ladies of this church and of the Woodward Avenue Congregational Church continued in a single society until 1879, when they divided. Since then each church has had its own board, and women of this church alone have provided for the support of Mrs. Coffing, their missionary in Hadjin, Turkey. Since the organization of the board, in 1869, the ladies of this church have contributed $9,134 for their work in foreign lands.



Mrs. Frances C. Wright.
Deaconess—1891–1895.

The Young Ladies' Circle was formed in 1874, and was the first society of young ladies organized in this State for work in foreign missions. For twenty years they have gleaned here and there, and during those years they have sent $3,264 to aid the cause for which they were banded together. The "Circle" has recently been reorganized, and is now known as the Young Ladies' Guild.

The little children of the church were also united in 1874 into the Sunbeam Band for the same work. Their mites gathered into little barrels and boxes and sent on their mission of love foot up $2,385.

The Ladies' Union, the society through which the women of the church aid a great number of home interests, was organized in 1873. This work, so faithfully and energetically pushed all these twenty-one years, cannot be measured by the dollar-and-cent rule, and what they

have accomplished cannot be fully described by words. The poor have been clothed and fed; the sick visited, comforted and provided with many needed supplies; our church home, from time to time, has been beautified and many attractions added; often the burden of debt has been made lighter by that which they have contributed; scores of boxes and barrels filled with many comforts for cold winters have been sent to the faithful laborers in the Master's vineyard in our own and in other States, and goodly sums annually have gone into the treasuries of various National and State organizations to help prosecute the home-land work. Commencing with 1873, the total amount of money raised by the Union for its many charitable and other objects amounts to $13,635. In addition to all this must be included the $5,000 which they have raised for the church building fund. The latter has been included from year to year in the financial statements of the trustees while they were providing for this building. This makes a total of nearly $19,000 collected by our ladies and disbursed through this one channel since the organization of the Union.



MRS. MARY H. HALL.
Deaconess—1891–1895.

Nearly two years since the Union and the Women's Board of Foreign Missions were consolidated into a single organization known as the Woman's Association. The work of the two former societies is now carried on by the one organization.

A young people's society, under some name, has existed in the church since quite an early period in its history. Such organizations were originally formed chiefly for religious and social purposes. There is no record of anything done in the name of the young people for mission or other causes until about twenty years ago, although it is more than probable the beginning of such work was at a much earlier date.

In 1875 they raised $172.00, and the aggregate of their offerings since that year is $2,046. In addition to that amount, the society pledged $1,000 for the building fund for the erection of this church. Nearly the whole of this has already been raised, and the balance is assured in the near future.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor succeeded the previous organization in 1884, and within the past year the Junior Endeavor Society has been formed. Both of these organizations are active and effective in all the lines of work undertaken by such associations. The membership of the older society is about 90, and of the juniors about 60.

The Young Men's Club is one of the younger organizations of the church, having been formed since our removal to this location. Its purpose is to offer such literary and social advantages, including the military drill, as shall be educational and attractive for the boys and young men of the church, and which shall bind them more closely to all the good work and influences which center in and about the House of the Lord. Its membership is now about 70.

In this record of our church organizations and workers should not be omitted a mention of the Ivy Leaves, one of our children's bands. Its existence, though not continued for many years, was full of good works, and helping hands were freely extended where aid and sympathy could be rendered. Their memorial is ever present before us, in the beautiful lectern they purchased for the chapel, reminding us almost daily of their labors of love for the church and its work. Their mites cast into the Lord's treasury amounted to about $225, including $60 contributed for the church building fund.

Church Benefactions.

* A statement somewhat in detail has been prepared, showing the amount contributed each year during the half-century for the charitable work of the church, and, so far as possible, the causes are named for which these contributions were made. A like statement has also been prepared showing the amount raised each year for the use of the society. The sums disbursed for current expenses, and those for church building and extraordinary repairs or improvements are each given separately, so far as it has been possible.

No annual meeting of the church was held until 1865; our records of the offerings of the church during the first twenty years of its existence are therefore imperfect, while for some years no records whatever can be found. So far as information has been secured relative to such gifts, it is reasonably correct, but a true record, could one be obtained, would doubtless show a material increase over the aggregate reported for those twenty years. Since 1865 the information is quite satisfactory, and is believed to be reliable.

* See accompanying statistical tables, pp. 76–79.

Annual meetings of the society have been held each year since its organization; its records are therefore generally complete, and the yearly exhibits of receipts and disbursements are substantially correct as reported.

While these statements are valuable for reference and for the information contained, it is impracticable to speak but for a few moments at this hour of what they show. Among the largest annual offerings of the *church*, including in some instances individual gifts, may be named the following: In 1893, $13,966, which included $6,214 raised for the Brewster Chapel; in 1888 church offerings amounted to $8,424, besides which might be mentioned $9,000 given by Mr. Philo Parsons to Olivet College. Including the liberal gift of Mr. Allan Bourn for the building of Mount Hope Chapel, the total cost of which exceeded $8,000, all of which was secured or paid by him, and another payment by Mr. Parsons to Olivet College, the total record for 1889 is $26,140. For 1874 the aggregate is $11,423; for 1873, $10,632; for 1871, $8,485, and for 1870, $11,664. These latter sums include liberal gifts by many of our people for Olivet College and Chicago Theological Seminary.

But really some of the best work of this kind was wrought away back in the '60s, when we consider our numbers and ability, excepting years when the society had expensive building operations on hand. In 1865 our offerings for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were nearly $1,400, and for two or three other years about that time they amounted nearly to $1,000 annually for the same cause. During the same years the American Home Missionary Society was remembered by substantially equal amounts, and various needy churches were helped in 1867 to $1,655 in the erection of their houses of worship. Bear in mind that our membership then was less than 300, or about 265 or 270 after the organization of the Woodward avenue church in the spring of 1866, and we had no associations of our ladies to work like busy bees in aid of all these causes.

The total offerings of the church for the half century, so far as they can be ascertained, exceed $239,900. Had a complete record been made and preserved of the offerings of the church for the first twenty years of its history, I have little doubt the aggregate for the fifty years would have reached a *round quarter of a million of dollars.*

Society figures show largest aggregates when building operations or extensive repairs and improvements were in hand. The construction of our present house of worship required by far the heaviest out-

lay. The largest amount raised during any single year was in 1892, when $36,159 was collected, of which $25,112 was for building purposes. The total amount raised during the fifty years just closing was $425,070, of which about $238,234 was for current expenses, and $186,836 for church building purposes, including extraordinary improvements and repairs. The total record of the half-century for church and society exceeds $665,000.



Miss Martha L. Miller.
Deaconess—1891—

CONCLUSION.

To-night our thoughts have been turned backward. An attempt has been made to focus the record of fifty years into almost fifty minutes. To do this, and to touch upon so much which has crowded for notice, has led often to doubt and even embarrassment what to say and what to leave unsaid. Of necessity, only brief mention may have been made of history and reminiscence, which to some present may have seemed worthy of a more extended notice; while probably not a little of interest, known to others, has entirely escaped attention. With all imperfections, however, it is hoped the record given may have recalled much which has rekindled pleasant thoughts, precious memories and emotions of gratitude and thankfulness for what the Lord has done for us and for what He has permitted us to do for Him. We have completed fifty years of labor, experiencing discouragements and seasons when the burdens seemed greater than could be borne; yet in them all has come to us, even as to Ashur, the realization of the promise given by God through Moses: "As thy day so shall thy strength be."

Above all the weariness of body and spirit which has been endured has been experienced the satisfaction which springs from service; the comfort which follows consecration and the assurance of acceptance; the evidence of the unfailing leadership of the Head of the Church, and the great joy and peace which have been realized when the Holy Spirit has manifested so often in our midst His willingness and power to instruct, to guide and to save.

I believe it can be truly said that during all these fifty years we have been led steadily onward into wider fields and upward to greater

opportunities. The kind and gracious presence of the Lord has been manifest in many ways and during many seasons. Yea, in adversity and in trial we have obtained "the victory" when faith was strengthened and the hand accepted which is ever extended to lead all who are in trouble or doubt out into the Light. Certainly, at the close of this fiftieth year, we rejoice in all this, but do we realize what this means and what a stewardship it carries? Instead of 13 we are more than 600 strong, and no like company in all the Church Militant, in this world, is better equipped with every appliance for earnest and successful service than are we. Are we all quick to follow where the Master leads, and to obey when He calls?

Looking now forward: With what purpose and resolution do you, do *we*, stand upon the threshold of the second semi-centennial, and with what purpose and resolution is the forward step taken?

I see here to-night many who are young in years. I wonder if there are any among us who will be here fifty years hence at the "centennial"? It is possible that the boy now sits in some one of these seats, or the girl—who knows?—who will stand upon this platform at that time and take up and continue the record where we leave it to-night. I wonder what that record will be!



MRS. JANE SMITH.
Deaconess—1891—

There are also here, besides others of our fellowship too feeble to join in this service, not a few whose white hairs declare in unmistakable language that we shall not walk much farther or longer with this people. Our faces are toward the setting sun, our work is well nigh finished and the account of our stewardship must soon be rendered. Very soon one by one we shall begin to fall. In behalf of these, who will soon be called, let this injunction be laid upon those who shall continue longer in the service: Be faithful; keep the fire upon the altar burning brightly in the Lord's house, and let His spirit always abide in your hearts, and lead you steadily onward and upward towards His home.

Statement of the Annual Offerings of the CHURCH, so far as they are

	1845.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.
CHURCH BENEVOLENCES:											
Foreign Missions	$ 260	$ 88	$ 44	$ 66	$ 72	$ 105	$ 144	$ 131	$ 89	$ 68	$ 102
Christian Education											
Am. Miss'ry Ass'n			15	20	20	51	49	25	45	68	26
Am. Bible Society			55			40			74	59	
Am. Seaman F. Society			52	24					145		
Am. & For. Chr'n Union								38			
Am. S. School Union					10	30	30	17	54		
New West Commission											
Cong'l H. M. Society			46			42		92	55		134
Cong'l S. S. & P. Society											
Church Building									183		
Chicago Theol. Sem'y											
Olivet College											
Detroit Cong'l Union and City Evangelization						17	11	78	100	180	
Church Relief Fund						44	63	92	86	73	93
By Sabbath School											
Miscellaneous Purposes				11			25	74	38		73
TOTAL BY CHURCH	260	88	212	121	102	329	322	547	869	448	428
BY SOCIETY:											
Current Expenses	54	380	732	984	1,561	1,639	1,386	1,951	1,825	1,825	3,848
Building and Repairs	2,511	1,679		50	100	1,554	1,810			12,180	6,828
TOTAL BY SOCIETY	2,565	2,059	732	1,034	1,661	3 193	3,196	1,951	1,825	14,005	10,676
CHURCH AND SOCIETY	2,825	2,147	944	1,155	1,763	3.522	3,518	2,498	2,694	14,453	11,104

known, and the Receipts of the Society for the years 1845–1869.

1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	Total 1845-1869
$ 149	$ 173	$ 128	$ 204	$ 500	$ 197	$ 204	$ 153	$ 479	$1,372	$1,010	$ 951	$ 828	$ 562	$ 8,079
.....										75	143	162	92	472
38	31	25	25	25						1,326	277	354	184	2,604
.....			110			48			81			77	73	617
.....														221
.....									35			35		108
.....	54								25	65	70	50	75	480
.....														
163	150	78	48	34	144	125	139	64	941	1,397	585	281	474	4,992
.....														
145	27		36		23				409	281	1,555	222	355	3,236
.....									156					156
.....									500	5,100	4,570			10,170
135											170	70		761
116	113	98	94	79	69	51	68	73	109	87	65	85	144	1,702
.....									193	486	170	316	250	1,415
74	18	83	40		6				344	78		70	131	1,065
820	566	412	557	638	439	428	360	616	4,165	9.905	8 556	2.550	2,340	36,078
3,691	4,390	3,076	4,630	3,486	3.194	3,086	3 191	4,000	4,287	3,748	5,014	6,371	4,748	73 097
.....			†25,000		1,000	1,250	13,750						4,910	72,622
3,691	4,390	3,076	29,630	3.486	4,194	4 336	16,941	4,000	4,287	3,748	5,014	6,371	9,658	145,719
4.511	4,956	3,488	30,187	4,124	4,633	4,764	17.301	4,616	8,452	13 653	13,570	8,921	11,998	181,797

† Estimated for debt.

Statement of the Annual Offerings of the CHURCH, and the Receipts of

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.
CHURCH BENEVOLENCES:												
Foreign Missions	$ 602	$ 583	$1,402	$ 865	$1,136	$ 868	$ 690	$ 508	$ 422	$1,484	$ 963	$ 276
Christian Education	148		62	51		191	94	58	41			
Am. Miss'ry Ass'n	179	180	240	127	206	392	551	341	380	214	249	197
Am. Bible Society						33	70	26	19			
Am. & West'n S. F. Soc.						45	45	28	27			
Am. & For. Ch'n Union	43											
Am. S. S. Union	150		80	30	30							
New West Commission												
Cong'l H. M. Soc'y	215	373	1,460	1,208	736	769	528	418	382	592	289	413
Cong'l S. S. & P. Soc.												
Church Building	44	425		250	528	279	450	195	200		660	655
Ministerial Aid												
Chicago Theol. Sem'y	1,070							54				
Olivet College	8,600	5,845	1,934	2,425	6,454		225	10				100
Detroit Cong'l Union and City Evangelization							234	66	201	198	437	948
Church Relief Fund	112	74	71	75	311	135	175	165	128	173	180	319
Contingent Fund				50	55	360	128	478	169	213	52	101
By Sabbath School	325	245	467	470	531	641	489	531	531	276	381	603
" Ladies' Union				932	987	506	104	536	*1,368	575	336	1,655
" Women's B'd F. Miss.	70	111	133	249	297	341	330	300	359	295	332	346
" Women's Ass'n												
" Y. P. S. C. E.						172	128	50	65	113	64	71
" Sunbeam Band					52	161	150	133	138	100	153	105
" Young Ladies' Circle					45	117	125	127	125	175	175	203
" Junior Endeavor Soc.												
" Ivy Leaves												
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:												
For Ft. Wayne Chapel										†1,221	570	24
" Plymo'th Cong'l Ch												1,372
" Canfield Av. Miss'n												
" Mt. Hope Cong'l Ch												
" Brewster Cong'l Ch												
" Miscellaneous Purposes	106	649		3,900	55	60		20	41	40		288
TOTAL BY CHURCH	11,664	8.485	5,849	10,632	11,423	5,070	4.516	4.044	4.596	5,669	4.841	7,676
BY SOCIETY:												
Current Expenses	6,610	5 507	5,743	5,697	6,246	6,445	6,297	6,066	6,132	5,812	6,047	5,348
Buildings and Repairs	10,384				4 725	2,824	162	5,052			393	
TOTAL BY SOCIETY	16,994	5,507	5,743	5,697	10,971	9,269	6,459	11,118	6,132	5,812	6,440	5,348
CHURCH AND SOCIETY	28,658	13,992	11,592	16,329	22,394	14,339	10,975	15,162	10,728	11,481	11,281	13,024

*$1,000 for debt. †Total amount raised was $1,996.

the SOCIETY for the Years 1870–1894, with the Totals for the Half-Century.

1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	TOTAL 1870-1894	TOTAL 1845-1894
$ 284	$ 208	$ 360	$ 421	$ 592	$ 497	$ 507	$ 465	$ 285	$ 371	$ 704	$ 454	$ 557	$15,504	$23,583
.....	178		20	114	50	100		131	159	51	447	116	2,011	2,483
213	45	64	140	254	356	127	200		249	276	283	231	5,694	8,298
.....				100									248	865
.....													145	366
.....													43	151
.....													290	770
52				106	33	78	203	46	119	71	53		761	761
499	315	388	1,014	1,142	1,085	559	871	950	716	931	1,004	1,364	18,221	23,213
.....		43	64	48	152	52	34	111	36	114	41		695	695
133	465		243	696	705	187	199	174	95	252	139	50	7,024	10,260
.....			52	55	66	47	49	40	46	470	143	121	1,089	1,089
1,000			1,000	150	139	600	1,000	255			375		5,643	5,799
500	100					9,000	11,000				29		46,222	56,392
965	1,046	1,046	850	1,219	1,242	1,406	1,239	1,028	817	1,934	1,837	1,888	18,601	19,362
131	341	143	162	230	225	505	642	610	508	506	752	886	7,559	9,261
133	54	121	63	123	66	209	64	157	82	185	93	174	3,130	3,130
413	320	263	288	309	337	434	397	327	630	157	651	306	10,322	11,737
544	1,495	361	492	448	488	431	383	350	348	348			12,687	12,687
332	423	356	484	472	420	418	425	470	526	510			7,999	7,999
.....											1,026	1,285	2,311	2,311
100	34	81	52	224	215		216	150			114	197	2,046	2,046
184	135	98	113	183	35	140	216	69	79	38	59	44	2,385	2,385
175	195	213	221	204	208	218	222	183	258	43	32		3,264	3,264
.....												70	70	70
.....								150	18				168	168
.....						2,208							4,023	4,023
.....		657	118										2,147	2,147
.....		605	299										904	904
.....							8,315						8,315	8,315
.....											6,214	455	6,669	6,669
.....	64	277	627	237	185	198		79	284	154	220	180	7 664	8,729
5,658	5,418	5,076	6,723	6,906	6 504	17,424	26,140	5,565	5,341	6,744	13.966	7.924	203,854	239.932
5,617	5,717	5,754	5,803	6,018	6,153	6,360	5.743	5,671	7.059	11,047	10,976	11,269	165,137	238.234
2,139			2,063				10,606	10,695	25.991	25,112	7,130	6 938	114,214	186,836
7,756	5,717	5.754	7,866	6,018	6,153	6,360	16,349	16,366	33,050	36,159	18,106	18,207	279,351	425,070
13,414	11,135	10,830	14,589	12,924	12,657	23 784	42,489	21,931	38,391	42,903	32,072	26,131	483.205	665,002



Rev. William H. Davis, D. D.

1884—

SERMON BY THE PASTOR.

REV. WILLIAM H. DAVIS, D. D.

I GIVE you welcome, beloved, to the jubilee services of this church. It is with thanksgiving to God that I greet in your name our honored and beloved pastors, Dr. Kitchel and Dr. Ballard, whose work and memory are shrined in the hearts of this congregation. And we speak words of glad welcome to our honored friends, Deacon and Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Cook, the only surviving members of that historic company of thirteen who fifty years ago covenanted together in the old city hall of Detroit to organize this Christian church. Our text on this golden anniversary in our history is in Leviticus, chapter xvv, 11th verse:

"A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you."

The jubilee, as you know, was the great year in the calendar of the Hebrew people. Each seventh year the fields lay fallow, and the inhabitants and cattle of the land rested—making it a Sabbath of worship and of recuperation. But the fiftieth year was the anniversary of the Sabbath of the years—seven multiplied by seven—a year of revolution in the political, the social and the industrial life of the tribes of Israel, for then all lands alienated or sold reverted once more to their original ownership. All slaves and servants were given freedom from their bondage; all debtors and debts were released and canceled; the vineyards and the beasts of burden all rested in the great half-century year of the Hebrew people, the year of thanksgiving and of joy, of universal liberty, and family reunions, of rest, and the remembrance of the mercies of Jehovah.

Such a year, beloved, has come in the providence of God to this historic church; a year of jubilee, a year of joy, when we lift our banners of praise, of memory and of prayer over the tender recollections of the sainted lives and labors which have been builded as "living stones" into this communion of the saints. In the words of

Dr. Hurd's hymn: "Let the trumpet blow! Our jubilee has come! Let all the people know what great things God has done" for us and ours in the fellowship of this church.

The half-century which has spanned our organized church life has been the ripest and the richest in the years of the world's history. Decades ago the poet-laureate of England said: "Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay." So we of this later time can lift the last half-century of American life into the crown-place of the ages; for in these fifty years our great national growths have come—in mechanical skill, wherein it seems as though we had rubbed some Aladdin's lamp of magic; in the marvels of invention and engineering; in our agricultural development; in the means of communication by steam and electricity; in the discovery and use of our vast mineral wealth; in our political life, our educational systems, our strides in trade and production. The half-century gone is the golden age of our material civilization. In these years great questions have been settled —of the emancipation of man, the extension of the franchise, the unity and political integrity of our national life,—and yet in these same years some of our vastest and vitalest problems in self-government in the social, civil and industrial world have presented themselves with an imperious demand for solution that has shocked our easy-going faith in "manifest destiny"—until no previous century has been so pregnant with great issues and so grand in its splendid achievements as that which has gone over the life of this church. The supreme latitude and longitude of human life is now seen to be in the last half of the nineteenth century.

Equally significant are these years in our ecclesiastical history as a denomination. We have come, I think, to our self-consciousness as a church of God in these later years, not only in the formation of Congregational and Scrooby Clubs, and in the growing observance of Forefathers' Day, but in our widening literature, in the development of our Sunday school work, in the larger sense of mission which increasingly inspires our national councils, and in those deeper recognitions of a Divine Providence in the making of the Puritan, which runs far back of the Pilgrim Fathers and Plymouth Rock.

We have come also to a larger liberty in the interpretation of our historic symbols—a use of liturgy in our church service, which has enriched our worship with responsive Psalms and choral music and concerted prayers. There is a spirit of wider co-operation in Christian

service and work. We have felt the contagion of modern enterprise. We have grander views of the Kingdom of God as something larger than this church or than any church. For no other church has caught the spirit of the times with greater fullness than this Pilgrim "scheme of church order" which we represent. Conservative in questions of doctrine, loyal to the great history of God's kingdom and the essential inspiration of His word, and yet radical in our methods, fitting nineteenth century calls with nineteenth century courage, and doing the work of God by the manifest methods of His providence. As we stand together on the crest of the years, I know we share one supreme thought, and that is, the sense of gratitude for the life and labors of the Christian church. There is no organization so potential for righteousness and for service as the church of God. Its ministration is perennial, like the growths of the forest—an oak falls here and there, but the forest lives on forever. So the church of the living God: Its membership is recruited from year to year, and while, as ripened grain, many are gathered each twelvemonth into that great witnessing company of the "first-born," its faith deepens, its opportunities broaden, as into it are builded the prayers, the lives and labors of that unseen throng who, though dead, yet speak, and whose memories give marching music to our pilgrim feet.

So we bless God for the Christian church; for *this* church whose faith and power have been augmented for fifty years, until we face the twentieth century with the momentum and joy of a great Past.

Let me now speak briefly of some characteristics of this particular church as it has been my privilege to observe it through the decade of my ministry among you.

First, and foremost, is its *esprit de corps*, that common spirit which time and association cradle in the organizations of men and women. This *esprit de corps* was generated in the very beginning of its history in the struggles and poverty of its early days, and has deepened as the years of our prosperity have come, until the members of this church have a sentiment of loyalty to it akin to that of the Hebrew people for the Temple at Jerusalem, saying with the captives of Babylon: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning, . . . if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

The church has been more than the individual opinion, more than the individual convenience. In all the interregnums of its pastorates, in the removals of its location, in the differences of judgment which

these questions have developed, this church has always held together as by the bonds of a divine love and in the unity of the divine spirit. In our last removal to this place, you remember the difficulties that needed to be overcome. You recall the tender associations that clustered about the old building. You know the long history that centered itself in the Old First Church at the corner of Fort and Wayne streets. We could not give it up without a heartache, and yet God's spirit in our souls made it possible to come away with but the loss of three families from the membership of this church, so loyal was its rank and file to the largest good of the greatest number. Therefore the remarkable harmony of its life.

Last night mention was made of the successful work of the pastors of this church, and of the high order of their personal service and character. Let me say to you that this church has *made* its ministers. If they have been worth anything to you, you have made their worth possible by your responsive fidelity. I believe that the church does make its ministers more than the minister the church. There are possible exceptions. We remember Mr. Beecher at Plymouth, and Mr. Spurgeon at the Tabernacle. But I believe that Plymouth Church did as much for Henry Ward Beecher as he for it; and that the Tabernacle did as much for its notable pastor as he was ever able to render it in return; and in the rank and file of our church life the world over the church makes or unmakes its ministry more largely than we think. They carry out his ideals—and it is harder to *practice* than it is to preach. They bear with his weaknesses and supplement his shortcomings. They correct his heresies as Aquilla and Priscilla corrected the mistakes of Apollos at Corinth. They buttress him with love and cheer; so that if the ministers of this church have been successful in their pastorates among you, the secret of this success is in the work of your own hands and in the loyalty of your own hearts.

And here has been generated that Congregational principle of personal responsibility which has always dominated this communion and been the hiding of its power.

Another characteristic is *its missionary spirit.* For fifty years there has been no break in the foreign missionary column of its gifts. On its initial year $268 were given for the conversion of the world, thus yoking itself at the start with the world-plan of its Redeemer, until now it is privileged to have personal representatives in the great foreign field of Christian missions.

I received a letter last night from an old and esteemed member of this church, who said she remembered the winter of '51 and her attendance upon the missionary concerts of prayer in the First Congregational Church, the only missionary concert of prayer in this city. She referred to your leadership in these praying circles for the world's redemption, Dr. Kitchel, and I rejoice to say that from that day to this that honored institution has been perpetuated in the fellowship of this church. While in the home work, steady-going benevolence to our national societies and local causes has been the rule of our life, until over a quarter of a million of dollars have been put into Christian colleges and seminaries of learning, city evangelization, foreign and home missions — a record which makes the "Old First" Church the largest giver of our denomination in the State; and not only by proxy through its gifts, but through personal service in city mission work, whereby five churches, wholly or in part, have grown out of her loins.

While her members have been identified to an unusual degree with Christian enterprises in the City and State, as in our national organizations, allow me to note briefly the wide range of her influence in fields outside the activities of our home work. Through her representatives, she has vital alliance with the corporation of the American Board and the Executive Committee of the American Missionary Association, with nearly all the charitable organizations of Detroit, the County and State Sunday school work, the Bible Society, and the State Executive Committee of Home Missions. While we have in our membership the president of our Congregational Union and its secretary and treasurer, the president of our Christian Endeavor Union of Michigan, the president and secretary of the Congregational Club of Eastern Michigan, the president of the Woman's Home Missionary Union of the State, and the vice-president of both the Home and Foreign Missionary auxiliaries, the president of the Y. M. C. A. in our city, the superintendents of both our Juvenile Y. P. S. C. E. work and our Junior Foreign Mission work in Michigan, the president and secretary of our State Board of Trustees, as well as the registrar and treasurer of our Michigan Congregational Association. A goodly record of leadership of which this church may justly be proud. And just here, beloved, we touch the secret of the influence of this church, her willing spirit of co-operation in all Christian work,

her readiness to give both of her membership in the up-building of new churches and of her money in Christian benevolence, for the church that gives is the church that lives.

Another characteristic of our church life is *its open-hearted hospitality.* There is a marked difference in the atmosphere of different churches, for churches, as people, have individuality. Some are cold; some are hearty; some are indifferent and aristocratic; some are popular. These are the outward characteristics whereby the stranger and the community gather their impressions of spiritual life. Tested by its history, this church has always evidenced a generous and Christian hospitality in its fellowship and social life. Some of you will remember those old-fashioned inns of New England, where the landlord stood at the door heartily greeting the coming and speeding the parting guest. So, in the spirit of "mine host" of the olden time, has the mood of Christian hospitality rested upon the membership of this church. True, you will find men and women among us who criticise the temperature of this church, and who complain about the difficulty of mutual acquaintance. But these people forget that they who would have friends must show themselves friendly, and that our church fellowships are covenants between two for mutual watch and care, and only as this sentiment of brotherhood obtains in *us*, shall we feel "at home" in the Lord's house. This sense of hospitality has been cultivated largely by the cordial and courteous reception with which our ushers meet and seat our congregation as they gather from Sunday to Sunday—a department of our church life which has always been unusually well-manned and efficient. This spirit of hospitality is due also to the Christian women of this church, who, in unusual number and of unusual gifts in character and leadership, have presided in the years past, and preside to-day, over the social life of this church. I venture to say that this company of Christian women is unmatched in quality and quantity by any church in the West; and to their efficiency as workers in social and missionary ways is due very largely the hospitable spirit of this communion. And, finally, this spirit comes from the large sense of Christian brotherhood which has filled our hearts because of the love of Jesus Christ. Special mention should be made of the loyalty and service of the young people of this church, in the Sunday school, in their own organizations, and in their church fellowship; for they have

contributed very materially to this generous spirit of welcome as new friends from time to time have come among us.

Another characteristic, and the last but one to which I shall refer, is the quality and character of those who have been its *office bearers* in these past fifty years, for they have contributed more largely than you or I know to the prosperity of this church of God. Its deacons have been choice, level-headed, warm-hearted Christian men. The starred names of Baldwin and Barnard and Hinsdale are honored now, but future historians will linger as lovingly over the names of Walker and Raymond, of Baker and Lane and Jones, not to mention the later and younger members of the diaconate of this church; for they have borne this church upon their hearts as tenderly as fathers look into the eyes of their children. They have ministered to its poor, visited its sick, and with unusual solicitude and patience have kept watch and ward over its spiritual fortunes in all its history. We love them each and all.

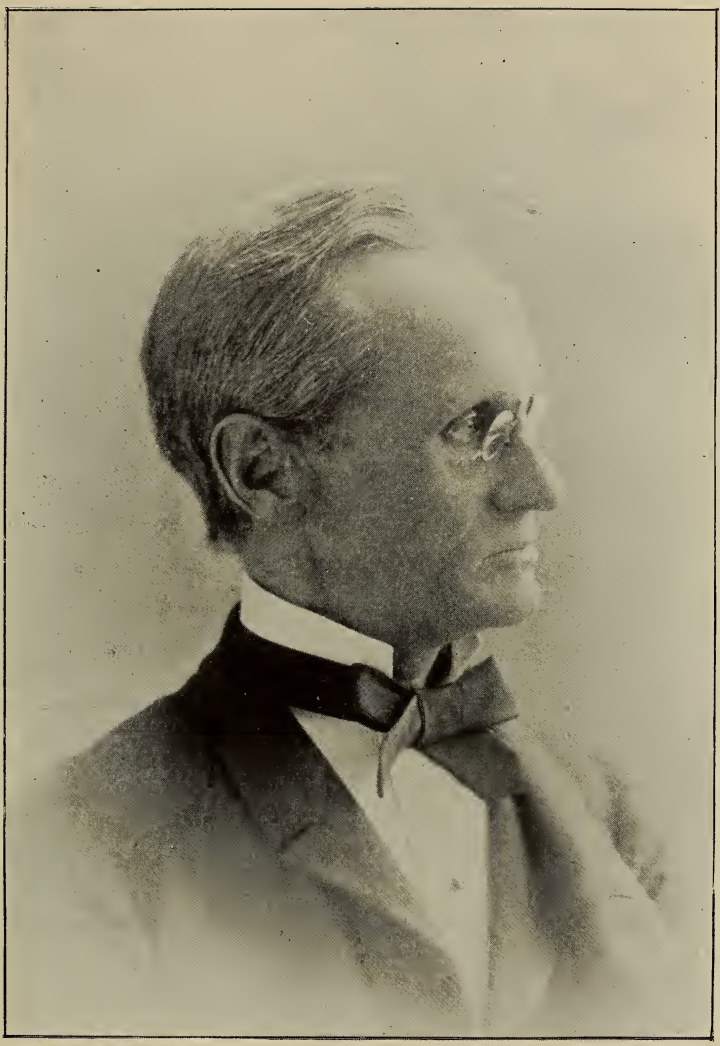
Its trustees also have been representative business men in the affairs of the city and the State, and to their foresight and prudence the material and the temporal welfare of this church is largely beholden, especially in the arduous labor and the exacting responsibilities of the last five years of our corporate life, in which we have removed from the old location to the new, have completed the church edifice, which is our joy and pride in the Lord, complete with every equipment for modern church work and missionary service. To this honored board of Christian business men we owe a debt which can only be paid with love, for they have builded into these church walls and cancelled church debts their time and thought and strength; and, while our obligations are great to all, it will not seem invidious to mention with special gratitude and love the name of Mr. George R. Angell, the honored chairman of this board, for to his wisdom and cheerful courage is due, more than to any one man, the material prosperity of this glad hour in our history.

While to our past and present superintendents in the Sunday school, with its faithful corps of teachers, to the annual committees raised for special and varied Christian work, to our singers who have sung "the songs of the faith" in this communion for the half-century gone, and especially to the present choir and chorus who with their director reinforce so heartily the pastor of this church in its splendid musical service, and to the sextons of the "Old First," especially to

him who now presides with such prompt and kindly fidelity over the temporal affairs of our church home, are due our hearty and abiding thanks. For the pastors of this church would have been, like the conies of the rock, a feeble folk, had it not been for the sturdy, upholding hands of this personal staff of office bearers and tireless workers in this church.

Finally, the Old First Church has exemplified in her history the great twin principles of Puritan polity, liberty of conscience and brotherhood of life, to a remarkable degree. And I believe that these are to be the great watchwords of the coming church, whose doors and mind will be open to all new truth and new methods in the kingdom of God, and whose pews will be filled with the rich and poor alike. Freedom in religious discussion, in matters of conscience, a faith which trusts God, and His people, in the administration of its affairs; a sense of brotherhood with all Christian churches and Christian workers—these have been our characteristics in the years gone by. And may they continue to be so in the days to come. While we glory in our past and present growths, our benevolent spirit, our missionary zeal, our magnificent church home, and in the enthusiasm and moral force of our great congregation, let us remember that, unlike the jubilee of the Hebrew calendar, which released the Jew from his obligations, *our jubilee* commits us in abiding bonds of memory and power to a larger service and a stancher discipleship.

Therefore, beloved, believing in religious liberty, in the Holy Catholic Church, in the inspired Word of God, in the divinity of His Son, Jesus Christ, in the presence and communion of the Holy Spirit, and in the life everlasting, we face the second half-century of our church life "as they who wait for the morning," and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. And although many of us will have fallen asleep before this rounded century shall be full, may we all rest from our labors in our Father's house, where "he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Amen.



Rev. Addison Ballard, D. D.
1866–1872.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COMMUNION SERVICES.

AT its regular noon hour of service, Sunday, December 9th, the Sunday School assembled in the main audience room of the church and participated in services of a reminiscential character. After the usual opening services of a devotional nature, conducted by Superintendents R. W. King and John Davis, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Davis, gave a personal welcome to each one of the surviving superintendents, who were seated upon the platform. Superintendent George M. Lane then gave a brief address upon the history and development of the school. He was followed by Superintendent H. E. Baker, who contrasted the limited privileges and facilities enjoyed in the former days as compared with the abundant means supplied for the benefit and advantage of the school of the present day in every department. Rev. Dr. Ballard dwelt upon the responsibilities that spring from such liberality and enlarged opportunity, and urged teachers to greater fidelity and scholars to a more faithful use of their opportunities. Superintendent Allan Bourn brought his hearty congratulations to the school for its present prosperity and his hope that its morrow might be as to-day, and yet more full of all good. Superintendent Strong closed the services of the hour with an exhortation to serious diligence and a determination on the part of the school that its future should be worthy of its past, as the best testimony that grateful hearts could render for all the numberless blessings that the school had been permitted to enjoy.

At 3:30 in the afternoon the church reassembled with very full attendance to the celebration of the communion service. Rev. Drs. Ballard and Kitchel presided at the table, the former officiating at the distribution of the bread, and the latter at that of the cup. The entire exercises were full of deep and solemn interest, the presence of the three surviving charter members and of all the living pastors rendering it an occasion, the like of which it could not be expected it would be the privilege of those participating ever to enjoy again.

COMMUNION ADDRESS.

REV. ADDISON BALLARD, D. D.

"I LOVE you, my disciples." "Master, we love you." That was the significance of the last supper in part; the love of the Master for his dear disciples and their love for Him. I remember once when I was the pastor of this church, as we went out after a communion occasion, one who was near to many of you, and nearer to me, pressed my arm and said with great animation: "I love this church, and I love every member of it." That was the love of the disciples, one for another.

If the Master were here to-day, He would say the same, "I love you;" and our hearts would respond, "Yes, Master, and we love Thee;" and the feeling runs from heart to heart, "Yes, and we love one another." Now that is the real significance of living. The disciples came in from the noisy streets of Jerusalem as Christians gather in their assemblies from the noisy streets of cities and towns in their quiet chambers or quiet churches, and all the puzzling questions of life are left behind; and the real solution of all the entanglements and perplexities and anxieties of life is found right here.

What is the meaning of this world we live in? It means that love is worth living for; and that is the only vital significance of this world. It would be all a puzzle if it were not for this. And so this world means that love is worth living for, and well worth it.

Now, what is the meaning of heaven? Heaven simply means that love is worth dying for. Jesus said to His disciples, in effect, "I love you, and I love you so much that I am willing to do anything for you." That is the language of real love,—"Anything that I can do for you, I will be glad to do." "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," and that was just what Jesus was ready and willing to do, and told them that He was going to do; that it was what He came into the world for, that by the shedding of His blood all their sins might be washed away; that they might be restored to the family of God by adoption, and that this was what He was going forward to do.

Now but for that there would have been no element of sadness in the last supper. There they were, a company of loving hearts, but there was before the Master the shadow of Gethsemane and the shadow of Calvary, and He spoke to them of His coming sufferings and of His being separated from them. But we who are here to-day do not have that element of sadness, for Jesus has done with all of that long ago. He went from Gethsemane and hung on Calvary and went down into the sepulchre, and He rose again on the morning of the third day and ascended into the heavens, where He ever lives and reigns over His people to guide them to Himself. We do not have that element of sadness, to think of what our dear Lord must suffer. His sufferings are over; He died once for all.

There was one element of sadness remaining, the element of separation. He told them it was better for them that He should go away. He emphasized for them, and He emphasizes for us, the difference there is between absence and desertion. Because He left them it was no sign that He had deserted them. He remembered them, as we see from the great and good gifts which He sent back to them, and that most precious of all gifts, the gift of His Holy Spirit. So it is with us to-day. He sends us this most precious gift, His divine spirit.

How often have I wished that He would come, if only for a little while, and say to me, "You are my child, do not fear." Sometimes that becomes an irrepressible desire, and we almost feel that we cannot be denied.

My dear friends, let me say to you that while faith is not so good as sight, while it is not so good to believe in the word of Jesus as it would be to see and to hear Him, it is nevertheless just as certain. Suppose a father tells his daughter, "Next Christmas I am going to give you a pearl necklace." It is not so good to have the promise as to have the necklace, but it is just as sure and will be just as good when it comes.

This separation, one from another by death, those dearest friends of ours who have gone, brings heart-breaking grief that is almost more bitter than we can bear, and it seems that we must see that husband, that wife, father, brother, that child, son, daughter, sister; that if we could only see them once more, and once more feel the touch of that hand,—perhaps you have really sometimes fancied that you felt the hand, and your prayer has been, "Let me feel the touch of that vanished hand, let me hear the tones of that stilled voice

once more, and I will wait patiently on until that last meeting comes." Now it is not so good to live without that as it would be to have it, but it is just as certain that the time is coming when we shall clasp hands again, when we shall exchange words of loving salutation, because we have the word of Jesus that it shall be so.

And we are delayed here for a while because the work of separation is not complete. That same dear friend of yours and of mine used to say, "I love you so that I shall not be satisfied until you are perfect." That is what love will ask. And the more we love the more we shall desire to see our loved ones perfect. That is what Christ wishes for us, and, as He is a faithful Savior, He will not be satisfied until He sees the image of God fully restored in your heart and mine. "He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied." And His satisfaction is increased from week to week just in proportion as He sees love being enthroned in your hearts more and more and transforming your lives, your family lives, your neighborhood lives, selfishness being put in the background and love enthroned. When love is completely enthroned, Jesus will be satisfied. It is only then that you yourselves will be satisfied. "I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness."

It is said of John that when he was old and feeble he was carried into the church of Ephesus, and they gave him a seat there before the congregation; as the dear pastors now once in a while can only come to sit before you, and with their hearts full of the same divine love they would say to you what John said, "Little children, love one another." That is the message to-day of Jesus, preserving the "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

And then, it is so soon that we shall join that general assembly, that church of the first-born. I said once, "Were she on the other side of the globe, I would take the next steamer"; and a friend said to me, "Perhaps you will take the next steamer to go to her; we know not how soon we shall be called to joy of reunion, what day will complete our happiness."

Reunion: That word is almost a mockery in this world. How many reunions are there in the literal sense of the word? Suppose at Thanksgiving time you leave vacant chairs at the table for all the loved ones who have left you. One chair after another. It is not a reunion. There will never be a reunion of those here to-day. Very seldom is there, can there be a reunion in the literal sense of the

word. But there will be a reunion there. We know that our Savior is here to-day by His Spirit, and I do not know that it is too much to believe that those dear friends of ours may be hovering near us. As I looked at those winged figures on the ceiling, I thought it would not seem so very strange if those wings should begin to move, if they were real personages from the other world, come to whisper sweet messages from our dear ones there. And I remember these lines written by that same friend of ours when there was to be a reunion of kindred from all parts of the land:

"Let us listen in silence, as hovering near
Are those we would honor by gathering here,
Who rejoice in affection that holds them still dear
And which royally triumphs o'er time and o'er fear,
As *they* call to reunion in that blessed sphere
Where love is eternal and life is all clear;
Where the children, all safe in the home of one mother*
In that land of the ransomed shall greet one another."

*Gal. iv : 26.

COMMUNION ADDRESS.

REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D.

I WOULD be glad to give you, dear friends, the secret of the great pleasure it is to me to come before you to-day. I am not here as a minister; I do not stand before you simply as ministerial. I am a member of this church. I wonder if that is as really felt here as it is in my heart. When we left our home in Vermont, having no longer any church home in the East, it was a great pleasure to come back again to the old home that had been so dear to us long before. I wish that it might be remembered that my wife and I are members of this old First Congregational Church.

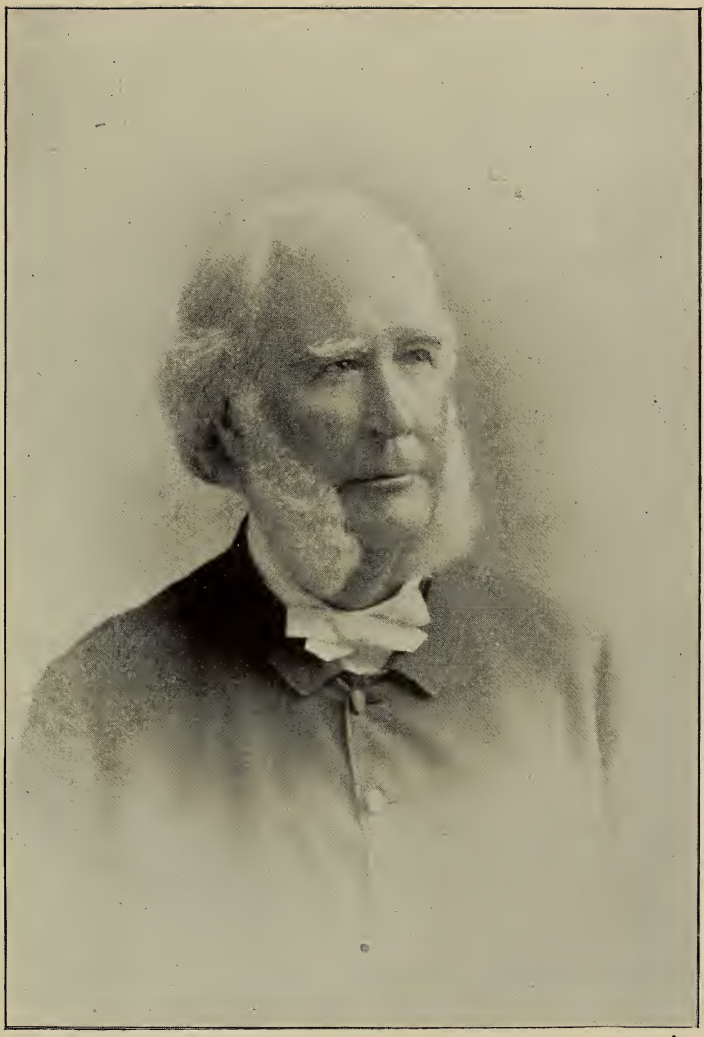
What a time of memory this is! Everything is full of memory. We do this to-day in remembrance of the Master. First and foremost of our remembrances to-day is that of Jesus our Lord, our Master divine. I wish to add to this thought, that we remember Him not as a dear friend who long ages ago died for us, purchased forgiveness of sin and ransom from its stains and then left us to be with us no more. Because He is no more seen by us, it comes into our hearts too much that He is gone from us. Let us remember, dear friends, that He is with us, that He is a living and ever-present Saviour. "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore." He is a Saviour on our right hand and on our left to help us in every time of need. That is the preciousness of the dear Christ who is leading us, ever present to help us, clasping us to His very heart.

As we come to the table of the Lord to-day, let it be to us as it was to those who sat in that upper room at Jerusalem as He took the bread and brake it and gave to His disciples. Let it be to us a reality as if He to-day handed us the cup of His blood and the emblem of His broken body, and forevermore carry this thought with us in the trials and needs of life that He is a living and present Saviour.

It is in just that way we would remember to-day the dear ones of these fifty years who have dropped out by the way, whose names, carried so long on our books, have been removed now to the Book of Life above. Let us remember them in something of the same manner.

They are not separated from us; the fellowship established here is a continued, ever-enduring fellowship. Nothing shall break that fellowship between us and our departed ones. I do not wish to awaken sad emotions. We shed our tears years ago and I want not to harrow our souls by renewing the pangs of their departure. They are in the mansions prepared for them, let us rejoice.

I know not the limitations nor the liberties of those dear ones of this church who are just beyond the veil, but I cannot believe that they are shut away from the knowledge of us and the fellowship with us. Our eyes are holden and we shall see them no more upon the earth, but nothing can sunder the ties that bind us, the ties that are riveted upon our souls and theirs until our night shall be ended and the morning come, when those angel forms that we so "loved long since and lost awhile" will be revealed to us in the beauty and the glory of the Life eternal, and we shall enjoy their sweet fellowship in that land whose loveliness shall never fade and where partings all shall cease.



Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D.
1873–1884.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

DEACON HENRY E. BAKER.

A GOODLY ship leaves a home port for a foreign shore. Upon her decks stand our friends from whom we part. As she swings away from her moorings we wave them our last farewells, and they fling back to us their parting salutations. While slowly moving down the harbor we watch the retreating forms as they grow smaller and dimmer in outline, until at last, out upon the ocean wide, our ship and the treasures that she carries are wholly lost to view. She has gone to a far-away land of which we have heard wonderful things and which, one day, we hope to see, and there to rejoin the loved ones from whom we have just separated. They have gone on in advance of us—we shall follow in due time. The parting is but temporary, but we turn back to our homes to find an emptiness there that it takes many a long day to remove, and we carry about in our hearts a dull, aching sense of loss that we only bear with any approach to comfort because of the good angel of hope that ever attends us to lighten the load, bidding us to be patient and of good cheer, for some day we too shall speed out and away, and then they shall be ours again.

Such is the brief transcript of a very frequent and familiar experience of the daily life of which we make up a part. It is forcibly brought to mind as to-night this dear old church recalls the names of those who have passed out of its communion in the last twenty-five years, and gone on into that undiscovered Country from whose shores comes neither voice nor sign of those who went away from us and disappeared in its solemn silence, to tell us how it fares with them there, and what is the manner of the people of the land, and what the graciousness of Him who is the King and Lord thereof. One by one they slipped away, and with tear-filled eyes and longing hearts we followed them until they vanished wholly from our sight, and we turned back with an ever-present sense of lonesomeness haunting our steps, to comfort ourselves as well as we could with many a sweet memory of loving word and kindly deed, and to wait until unto us shall come the beckoning sign, and fall upon our ears the word that none can put aside, "The Master has come and calleth for thee."

But as we ponder over these mysteries that defy all our efforts to penetrate, we are thankful that there has been vouchsafed to us a sure word of prophecy and revelation which, in parable and vision, gives us many a suggestion as to things unseen of mortal sight, which kindle great hopes within our hearts, and bestow upon us a wondrous calmness and peace as we think of what has come to our friends in the land of perpetual youth. There they 'hunger no more, neither thirst any more, and there is no suffering because there is no weariness nor pain. Moreover, there is no sorrow nor crying, because there is neither sin nor death.



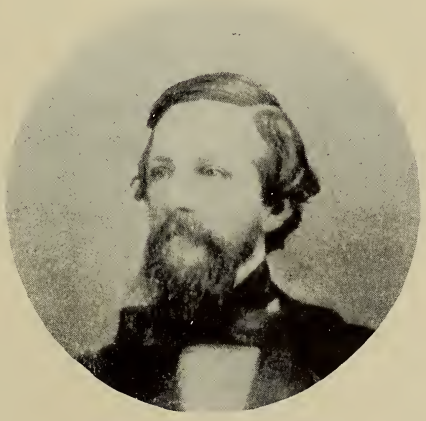
DEACON CHARLES HOWARD.
1845-1861.

And so we drop into wondering what has befallen them since they went away; what changes have come to them; whether they ever come back in memory or desire to this dear old world to which we so tenaciously cling; and whether they ever desire to see us as we yearn to meet them once more and to be filled with their company. What is the fashion of the new body that is given them, and shall we know them in it? Is there bestowed on them a heavenly stature as there was an earthly, and increase in it there as was the case here? As they never wax old and know not infirmity, what is the law of their growth and does it go on without end?

We think of our little ones who slipped out of our arms before they could discern their right hand from their left, as somehow the wee children that left us so long ago. But can this be true? Heaven is not a place of arrested growth, and they cannot be the same wholly unformed and unstamped natures as when they left us. Had they been spared to us here, they would have been bearded men and matronly women now. What have the same years brought to them there, where growth has come under infinitely more favoring circumstances, unfettered by human limitations, unblighted by evil? The

father who went away full of years, with his hoary head and his righteous life as his crown of glory—the mother on whose saintly face rested the patience and peace of God—what has come to them? Not gray-haired and bent, surely, are they now; not wrinkled and shrunken; no longer feeble and leaning upon a staff. Are the currents of life turned back for them, like the hands upon the face of the dial, or do they leap forward into a newer, larger, more blessed existence than any that is dreamed of here?

And what is their occupation in the new country into whose citizenship they have entered? They cannot be living in lazy idleness and inglorious ease, for there could be no happiness in that. Nor is there any more for them the curséd ground bringing forth its thorns and thistles, and in the sweat of the brow compelling them to eat their bread. All that is forever past and gone. What divine employment keeps them busy of thought and hand, and speeds them on many an errand of love and utility? Do they come back across the uncharted sea over which they went out? Then it must be on secret errands of mercy and help, and on silent ministries of affection and care, doing their work so noiselessly that we hear no sound of footfall or rustle of pinion as they come and go. Do they note our anxious faces as we are busied and careful about many things? Can they hear our sighs of weariness, our groans of pain? Do they have knowledge of our forebodings, our alternating hopes and fears, as we vainly scan the future's horizon to guess what shall be for us and those we love on the morrow? It could hardly fail to fill them with solicitude to see and know all this, and would they be happy then? Perhaps they are sent on missions of good to other worlds that float in space, and look with curious and eager interest on other forms and conditions of life, until, filled with new wonder at the boundless power and beneficence of the Creator who made and sustains them all, they bow in humble



CHARLES S. CUSHING.
Sunday School Superintendent—1851–1855.

adoration and worship in His august presence and exclaim: "Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways thou King of saints!"



Deacon William Warner.
1861–1865.

And thus we might follow with ceaseless speculations our friends who have gone out and away from us, as to how it fares with them in the new life into which they have entered, and what changes have come to them there. But it is all in vain, for there comes back to us neither token nor utterance from those who have gone, and none return to tell us of the wonders of the Land beyond the Unknown Sea. We only know that God is good and righteous and true. This world in which we dwell is a marvel of beauty, adaptation and use. Unscarred by evil, uncursed by sin, we could easily believe it the heaven of our frequent contemplation, so full of infinite and wondrous wealth is it. From the midst of such a wonderful creation as this, man, redeemed from an overshadowing, mysterious and everywhere present curse, goes out into another world because the same God has prepared "something better" for those that love Him and seek His favor. Of this He has assured us, and in wonderful pictures of entrancing beauty has set forth the glories of the place wherein can enter nothing that defileth, neither worketh abomination, nor maketh a lie—where they need no candle, neither light of the sun, and where no temple is, because God dwells evermore with His people, and they look upon His face and rejoice in His presence.

And so we wait all the days of our appointed time, humbly trusting that we may be counted worthy of some place in this resplendent Kingdom of light and life and love, not because of any worthiness of ours, but because One has come and wrought out for us a mighty deliverance, and we thankfully own Him as Master and Lord, and fain would follow Him whithersoever He leads.

And thus we comfort ourselves concerning those who have gone away from us. They have already seen the King in His beauty in

the land that is very far off. They know even as they are known, seeing no more as through a glass, darkly, but face to face. The mysteries of earth and time, of life and death, that puzzle and confound us here, are revealed and explained. Behind every forbidding providence a wise and gracious Heavenly Father stands disclosed, and there is given to them at last the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. They walk with the redeemed, and everlasting joy is upon their heads.

Wherefore, as we call the roll of our beloved and departed ones to-night, we give thanks to God that we sorrow not as those who have no hope. Nay, rather, we rejoice that their course is finished here and that they are already entered into the joy of their Lord.

"Fixed in an eternal state
They have done with all below;
We a little longer wait,
But how little none can know."

Taking up the list of those members of this church who have died in its communion where my predecessors at the Quarter Centennial anniversary laid it down, at the close of the year 1869, I proceed to make such mention of those who have gone out from among us as the limits of time will permit, only regretting the inadequacy, at the best, of the service I can render them and this church.



Deacon Timothy L. Partridge.
1865–1868.

But two deaths occurred from our membership in the opening year of our second quarter-century. Dr. John M. Alden died in the first month and Mr. James Robertson in its last one. The
1870 former will be pleasantly remembered for his very useful service in leading the singing of our weekly prayer meetings, in which he was specially proficient. The latter, a mechanic of Scotch birth and training, was a model of fidelity in his attendance upon all the services of the church, in his devout spirit and in the unostentatious

manner in which he daily lived. In the fall of the same year two of the youth trained in our Sunday school and church, and ripened, under the discipline of months of sickness, into a beautiful exhibition of Christian resignation and hope, passed away—Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Clark, and Carlos D., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook.

The following year witnessed the death of three of our members, Mrs. Hannah J. Parrish, Mrs. Augusta M. Alden and Mrs. Catharine H. Farrell. All were faithful to their covenant vows and

1871 consistent in their daily life. In midsummer of this year, the sudden summons came to another of our beloved young people, Sarah Swift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Adams. Surrounded with Christian influences from her earliest childhood, and specially cultured by the long illness and serene departure of her elder sister, she had been gently led into the choice of that better part which shall never be taken away from any who seek and find it. Her unexpected death while on a visit to Eastern friends, alone prevented her public profession of love to the Master upon whose service she had so sweetly entered. A single death from scarlet fever, among our children in January of this year, also awakened the greatest interest in our circle—that of Julia S. Ballard, the youngest daughter and child of our pastor's family. She was remarkably precocious, carefully instructed, and wonderfully responsive to all gracious influences, so that we were enabled to lay her away to her early rest with the full and comforting assurance, "It is well with the child."

The year 1872 will long be notable in the annals of our church for the fulfillment, in the history of its membership, of the prophecy, "The child shall die a hundred years old." In its opening

1872 month Mrs. Sarah S. Hall peacefully passed away after a life stretching for six months beyond the bounds of a century. This unwonted earthly pilgrimage was illuminated by every domestic virtue and a religious consecration that kept her cheerful, even joyous, to the last, notwithstanding the vicissitudes and changes of life and the increasing infirmities of her great age, and which found devout expression in the family devotions maintained to the end, and in the returning of thanks before every meal even after the little table was drawn to her bedside in the feebleness that waited upon the final steps that closed the long, long journey. She abundantly proved the faithfulness of God's promises in that, herself a model of filial

devotion to a bereaved father so long as he lived, her children in turn ministered to her every need with a loving care that left no wish ungratified, no want that lacked supply.

The names of two others of our cherished members are also enrolled in the list of this year's losses—Mrs. M. L. Colwell and Mrs. Mary A. B. Swift. The former, living a long distance from church and closely confined at home by domestic cares, was known to but few, but by them was esteemed for her quiet virtues and blameless Christian character. The mention of the name of Mrs. Swift instantly recalls her bright face, her active participation in all the affairs of the church, and her intelligent and whole-hearted interest in whatever was calculated to establish its peace or promote its welfare. Descended from a long line of godly ancestors, including among them that noted early apostle to the Indians, John Elliot, she honored her lineage by her cheerful devotion to duty, and her faithful living in the fear of God.

Early in the following year Mrs. Sarah Gilmore died after a painful invalidism that had extended through many years, but which was borne with an uncomplaining submission to the manifest
1873 will of her Heavenly Father that made her faith a shining example. Two of our younger members followed later on—Jessie Hudson in May, and Ella J. Parsons, daughter of Mrs. Mary Purdy, in August. Almost immediately after connecting herself with the church, the former was seized with a decline which neither medical skill nor the most loving care could arrest, and which, in the opening of a promising and beautiful young womanhood, shut her away from the world and gave her only wearisome days and nights as the portion appointed to her of God. But under such chastening influences her Christian character developed in rare beauty and strength until, when she passed away, we could but think of her as a precious flower transplanted into the gardens of the King and by His own gracious hand. Mrs. Parsons, in her brief life, gave evidence of her genuine consecration as a follower of her Lord and left behind a very pleasant memory.

The year 1874 brought to us varied experiences. Mr. William Cook, one of our original thirteen members, and a quiet, unassuming man, was granted release from life's burdens, to be followed
1874 soon after by Mr. Ralph C. Smith, prostrated by long-continued business cares, against which he had vainly but bravely struggled. Mrs. Sarah E. Carey, one of our faithful, unobtrusive

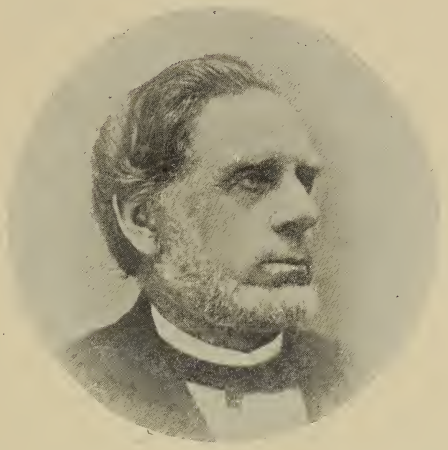
members, died in July, and the same day witnessed the translation of Miss Jennie M. Moir. What a wealth of character and loveliness comes back with the mention of that name! Reared amid surroundings the most troublous and trying, with more than ordinary intellectual quickness, she made use of her scanty privileges with such diligence that she won entrance into the State Normal School, whence she came back to take her place as a teacher in the primary grade of one of the public schools in which she had been a pupil. From this position her aptitude and sterling good sense secured for her promotion, step by step, until she became Principal of one of our Union schools, doing her work with a skill and success that stamped her as a young woman of unusual natural gifts. At length, attacked by that insidious disease, consumption, she resisted heroically, but without avail, its steady inroads, until she was unable longer to discharge her responsible duties, even while lying upon a lounge in her private room in the school building. Then she went home to die. Her funeral took place from the old church on Fort Street, attended by the Board of Education and a throng of her mourning associates and friends. Her body was borne into and out of the church between lines of weeping children reaching from the door to the street curb, a priceless tribute to her worth as a sympathizing teacher and an unselfish friend. She was the light of her mother's home and the one solace of her widowed heart. Such a life as hers is one of the richest treasures that any church can possess.

The year 1875 was memorable for the unusually large inroads made in the ranks of our active male membership. The names of George N. Gilmore, Minot T. Lane, George G. Deering,

1875 Henry D. Edwards, Dr. Stephen Griggs and James Hepburn recall the memories of varied and useful services whereby, in one way and another, they had contributed not a little to the growth and influence of the church. The death of Mr. Augustus E. Bissell, for years connected with the society, and who could have been scarcely less interested had he been a member of the church itself, added to this unwonted measure of loss which we sustained.

The crowning bereavement of the year was met when, in late October, Deacon Lyman Baldwin, after an illness of but ten days, strode from health and vigor to the grave. His was the first death to occur in our diaconate while in the service of the church, and closed a long life of activity whose best endeavor had always been given to

the interests of the Kingdom and people of God. Earnest, sincere and of a generous spirit, the law of the Lord was written in his heart and obeyed in his life with a willingness that testified that it was no grudging service that he rendered. Devoted to the welfare of the church which he loved with all his heart, and which honored and loved him in return; so regular and unfailing in his attendance upon all its services, as to render him an ensample to the flock; always a helper to his pastor; the sympathizing friend of the humble and the poor; he closed this goodly history at the age of 74. Deacon Baldwin was also one of the charter members of the church.



DEACON LYMAN BALDWIN
1856–1875.

The record of the deaths of this year closes with the name of Mrs. Minerva Partridge, a woman of quiet and domestic tastes, but whose Christian influence was exerted in many unobtrusive ways. In all her words discreet and kindly, she left a pleasant memory.

The year 1876 records the departure of two of our young people, Laura Richardson and Sophia Bathers, after a lingering illness in each case, borne with a sweet patience and resignation that marked the strength of their Christian faith. Each had been long connected with our Sunday school, and both were just ripening into a beautiful and promising young womanhood. In midsummer Mr. Thomas K. Adams was carried to his last resting place. A man of few words, he was nevertheless strongly allied to the church, and aided it by his constant attendance and his unflagging interest, as well as by the steady example of his daily life wherein he walked as the good citizen and the honest man. In the late fall Mrs. Mary D. Riddell was called to her reward, to be followed shortly after by Mrs. Olive J. Clark at the age of 82. Mrs. Clark was a woman of unusual strength of character, the twentieth and last remaining child of Col. Giles

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Jackson of the Revolutionary Army. Her sympathies were early enlisted in the causes of home and foreign missions, temperance and anti-slavery, and her interest in them never flagged through a long and eventful life. Especially during her closing years did her heart go out to the freedmen, as they slowly and painfully struggled up from the Egypt of their long sojourn toward the Canaan which is even yet a land of promise to their baffled and weary pilgrimage. Among her papers were found receipts for barrel after barrel of clothing collected and packed with her own hands, grown feeble from age, and shipped to southern missions and schools. Few knew of this protracted, unselfish work of love, but she has long since heard the welcome, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me."

The year 1877 did not record so many losses as some that preceded, but Heaven grew unwontedly rich at our expense in the value to us of those who were called home. Before the first week had passed Sereno P. Hammond, the beloved assistant superintendent of our Sunday school, had ended the long and painful struggle for life in Florida, whither he had gone in the vain hope to find relief. A child of this church, born and reared in its communion, disciplined in the school of affliction by the loss of father and sister from the same dread disease that claimed him for its own, he had developed a rare beauty and symmetry of character. Never seeking prominence on the one hand or shunning responsibility on the other, cheerful yet serious, true and faithful in every relation, it is no matter of surprise that by silent and common consent he had come to be considered as the probable successor in office of the lamented Deacon Baldwin. Looking over his consistent and consecrated life, and remembering the unmurmuring patience with which he bore the deprivations and sufferings of his long decline while heroically discharging the duties of daily life, there comes to mind almost involuntarily the beatitude, as especially applicable to him, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

1877

Two months later came another heavy loss, which had been dreaded for weeks, in the death of Mr. Newell Avery. Burdened with an immense and widely-scattered business, managed with consummate sagacity and engrossing attention, he could not have large personal participation in the activities of our church. But absence from the city much of the time did not prevent his being a leading factor in

them. He was a man to do his part generously anywhere, and his considerate sympathy was an unfailing capital on which to draw. Possessed of sterling native good sense, with sound judgment united to a judicial temperament, and these royal characteristics dominated by an exceptionally kindly disposition, it is no wonder that he was readily accorded a leadership among all with whom he was brought in contact, won to him, as they were, by the wisdom of his counsels and the goodness of his heart. Well nigh a score of years have rolled away since last we saw him, but that commanding form and rugged yet pleasant and thoughtful face stand out in memory almost as distinctly as though he had left us but yesterday.

Then followed in quick succession the death of Joseph E. Sparks, on the threshold of a promising career as an architect, and of Mrs. Harriet L. Gore, who was greatly esteemed by the few who knew her quiet, humble walk before God under the discipline of suffering and of heavy affliction. In July came the closing bereavement of the year in the loss of Mrs. Sophia E. Bostwick. The most of her married life had been spent in this church, into all whose work she had entered with a joyous zeal, a generous sympathy and a loving considerateness that gave to her an ever-enlarging place in the labors and affections of our entire membership. Her departure, sudden and wholly unlooked for, was a great shock and grief to us all.

Less than a year afterward, in 1878, Mrs. Polly Ashley, Mrs. Bostwick's mother, followed her daughter into the unseen world.

1878 It is seldom given to any church, or family, to number among its members a lovelier character than was that of this saintly woman. She walked with God in evident and entire consecration. To her, "dying was but going home." The same year chronicled the going away of Mrs. Eveline M. Fuller, a joyous, growing Christian woman; Miss Annie Bather, one of our beloved young people; Rev. Sylvanus Warren, who, compelled for years to demit the work of the ministry, never abated interest in all that pertained to his Master's Kingdom, or ceased to contribute to it what of prayer or labor opportunity might offer; Mr. E. W. Kendall, who, in the prime of his young manhood, had won the cordial respect of all who knew him by his earnest, consistent life; and Mr. Abial Perrin, who, dying at the age of 80, had united with the church on the profession of his faith but two or three years previous, and having no

family, gave all his little property to religious objects as his crowning acknowledgment of that grace which had called him into the Kingdom, even when the eleventh hour had long been passed.

1879 Our losses again were many in 1879. As I go over the long list—Mrs. Lydia B. Tarbell, Mrs. Eliza G. Porter, Capt. Robert J. Hackett, Mrs. Mary Foster, Mrs. Mary J. Barnard, Mrs. Emeline C. Hall, Mr. Henry T. Brush, Mrs. Mary L. Hawley, Mrs. Deborah S. Miller, and Mrs. Hannah Bowen—what a tide of memories roll back upon the thought! Especially distinct will be the remembrance of Mrs. Tarbell, for a long time one of our valued and faithful members; Mr. Brush, cut down on the threshold of what promised to be an active and brilliant career; Capt. Hackett, generous, hearty and helpful, who, in a comparatively brief period took a foremost position in our affectionate regard; Mrs. Barnard, so long identified with us, a woman of outspoken word and impulsive deed, but who carried this church on her heart and loved its very stones to the last; Mrs. Hall, possessed of sterling worth but of quiet, domestic tastes that shut away from all but a few the knowledge of her earnest and intelligent Christian sympathies and purpose; and Mrs. Miller, whose prayers and alms went up before God without ceasing, to the end that His Kingdom might come, and whose refined presence and gentle ways were a blessing to all who came within the circle of her pleasant companionship.

1880 There was again a large inroad into our ranks in 1880, as is evidenced in this list: Mrs. Hearty D. Griggs, Mr. Christian Mellus, Mrs. Huldana S. Henry, Mr. Lee Parrish, Mrs. Mancy Baldwin, Mr. Jacob D. Fuller and Charlotte Carew. Mrs. Griggs united with the church on profession of her faith after she had passed the age of four score, carrying out a purpose she had cherished for years, and ended in peace a long and blameless life. Mrs. Henry was everywhere a woman of marked character and influence, while her faithful attendance upon all the services of God's house, and her steady devotion to the many and wide interests it is set to serve, abundantly testified to the strength of her religious convictions, and her fidelity to their dictates. Mrs. Baldwin, one of our charter members, was very domestic and retired in her tastes and hence was not prominent in our church activities, but in her home she reigned supreme as the center of a circle bound together by the ties of a peculiarly strong affection.

Mr. Fuller was an ardent, decided Christian man, sharing in the spirit of his wife, who had preceded him by nearly three years, and whose loss he never ceased to mourn. Struggling many months with a disease of the heart, and knowing that his summons might come at even or at midnight or at the cock crowing, he calmly went on his way, committing the event into the hands of the Lord in whom was all his trust. And when, one morning, he was found quietly sleeping his last, long, dreamless sleep, it seemed as though one of God's angels —and we could easily guess which one it would be—had come to talk with him during the night, and with his heavenly visitor he had wandered away.

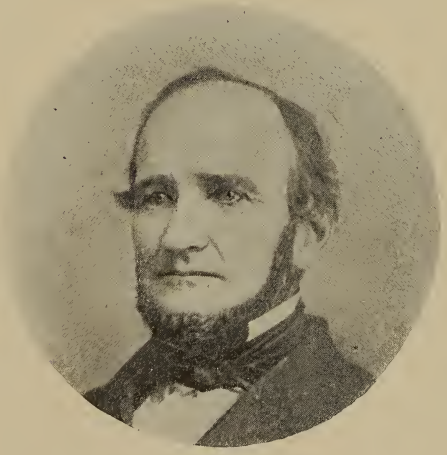
Charlotte Carew was one of the characters of our church. A confirmed epileptic for years and living in deep poverty, her greatest and almost only solace was in attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, and, tarrying in the empty church between the morning hour and the afternoon Sunday school, she would go from one room to another singing the simple hymns she had learned, the one testimony she could render to the happiness and gratitude that knew no other form of expression. She was weak in intellect, the result of her affliction, but when she came to us and earnestly expressed her longing to unite with the church, and evinced so correct an apprehension of the obligations which she would assume, we did not dare to say her nay, and ever after it was a source of unalloyed comfort and joy to her to be numbered among the people of God. We could not mourn when at length release came to this simple and sorely tried one, and we knew that to her entrance was granted into that Kingdom whereunto whoso cometh must enter as a little child.

1881

The record of 1881 shows the departure of Mrs. Isabella Bow, Mrs. Almira Clark, Barent V. B. Wells, Mrs. Mary Easterbrook and her daughter Julia, Mrs. Lydia S. Duncklee and Deacon Sherman S. Barnard. Mrs. Clark was the sister of Mrs. Titus Coan, wife of the veteran Sandwich Islands missionary, who was scarcely second to her celebrated husband in point of rare ability, successful labors and devoted consecration to the work to which she gave her life. Mrs. Clark possessed many of her sister's capabilities, but the feebleness of age secluded her from any participation in the work of the church. "Father" Wells, as he was always called, was one of our oldest members, poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith

and unusually versed in the knowledge of God's word. His voice was a familiar one in our prayer meetings in supplication and remark, and was rarely heard but to edification.

The name of Mrs. Easterbrook recalls a history of unusual sadness. The widow of an English minister, she came to this country with her two daughters soon after their bereavement, in quest of readier means to gain a livelihood. The mother kept the little home while the daughters earned a moderate compensation by their daily labor, the elder being especially skillful and winsome. Always cheerful and self-respecting, with a neatness and taste in dress and in their humble abode that marked them as the possessors of true gentility, they quickly found their way into our hearts, and were soon numbered among our active and most esteemed members. So ran on the even, pleasant tenor of their ways for several years, when, suddenly, the mother was taken sick, and before we knew her condition she was gone. The eldest daughter, Julia, a young woman who was her mother's special companion and counselor, was completely prostrated by her grief and the shock of the terrible blow, and as she turned away from the grave fell in a dead faint, and never fully recovered the possession of her faculties. Fever set in, delirium followed, and in three weeks she rejoined her mother in that Land where the inhabitant never says, "I am sick." There were those among their new found friends in this land of their adoption who felt this startling extinguishment of the light of that modest home almost as sorely as if it had been a personal loss, so peculiarly serene and bright had its Christian radiance shone.



DEACON SHERMAN S. BARNARD.
1845–1881.

On the 7th of August Deacon Barnard died at the age of 75. He was one of the original thirteen members who organized the church and was chosen its first deacon, a position which he held to the close of his life. The invaluable service which he rendered this

church in the time of its greatest financial need at heavy cost and sacrifice to himself, and the fidelity with which he watched over all its interests during the years of its early struggles and later growth, are they not written in the chronicles of our Quarter Centennial? The closing years of his life saw him wholly laid aside and helpless from the infirmities of age, so that he had necessarily ceased to be an active participant in our church affairs, but the long record of his unselfish devotion can never be effaced from its history, or he lose the place which that history will assign to him as the hero *par excellence* of the "Old First."

The year 1882 brought to us the loss of three of our oldest members, Mrs. Nancy Adams, Mrs. Juliana T. Backus and Mrs. Eliza Hall. The last named will be especially well remembered
1882 because of the steady fidelity with which she attended all our services and the willing response she always gave to every call of duty, so far as time and strength would allow. Two others who had been of our number but for a short time, Mr. Edward A. Trumbull and Mrs. Lucy W. Jones, are also recorded among the deaths of this year, to which should be added the name of Mr. George J. Tarbell, for years a valued member of the society, and always interested in our welfare.

Early in the following year we parted with deep regret with Mrs. Eliza D. Clark. She was reserved in manner, but a woman of more than ordinary intelligence and strength of character,
1883 and entered with especial heartiness into the missionary activities of our church. Soon after, another member, Mrs. Sophia Howe, faithful in her attendance upon, and deriving great comfort and help from, the privileges of God's house, closed a life conspicuous for its humble submission to and patient waiting upon the Lord, whom she served out of a pure heart and fervently. In May, Mrs. Eliza A. Granger closed a life that had been marked in an unwonted degree with the changes of fortune, through all of which she had preserved an evenness of temper, an unselfish devotion to her friends, that never took thought of herself, and a silent doing of every duty that made her life one long act of sincere consecration, whose praise is not of men but of God. The names of Mrs. Avarino E. Jones, a comparatively new comer among us, and Mrs. Jane Carter, an old and always interested member, complete the roll of the dead of 1883.

The first three months of 1884 recorded the departure of Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, pleasantly remembered for her quiet devotion to duty; Mrs. Alice Wilkins Warren a child of the church, trained in its Sunday school, and developing into a refined Christian womanhood whose beauty was cut off in the midst of its early promise; and Mrs. Mary Stetson, one of our oldest members. In late December these were followed by Mrs. Mary F. Meacham, who came to us with our pastor's family in the earlier part of the year. It is rare indeed that one becomes so thoroughly allied with all the interests of a church in so short a time as did Mrs. Meacham. With an intelligent concern for everything that had to do with the progress of God's Kingdom upon earth, she instantly identified herself with all the activities of the church, after a manner that was at once a shining pattern and a stimulating example. But a few months were given her in which to do her work, for the sudden coming on of hopeless and painful disease admonished her that the end was drawing nigh. But all this did not lessen, the rather did it quicken, her earnestness and zeal, so that her going at the last was as though we had lost one with whom we had long journeyed in company, so complete and altogether admirable had been her devotion to the work which had enlisted the fullest energies of her heart and hand.

1884

The first week of 1885 recorded the departure of Mrs. Melesent W. Bissell, for many years a member with us and serving her Master with sincerity of purpose and singleness of heart. She was followed soon after by Mrs. Esther Fisher, another old member, but who, owing to domestic cares, had ceased to be active in church affairs for many years. In midsummer came the loss of Mr. John G. Tarbell, who had been identified with us for thirty years, and had been especially useful as chairman of the Music Committee. He is also most pleasantly remembered as, for much of this period, an usher in the old church, an office which he magnified by a great fidelity and a never-failing courtesy, and in which he made himself an example for all who should come after him. In December, Mrs. Frances J. Tarbell passed away, another of our old and much esteemed members, quiet and undemonstrative, but never lacking in interest in all that in any wise concerned the progress of our church.

1885

A valuable member of the society, Mr. William H. Teft, died in midsummer. He had been connected with the Music Committee for

ten years, and in his generous care and faithful attention to this important part of the worship of the church, had rendered most signal and excellent service.

But three members died in 1886, Mr. J. E. Richards, Mrs. Mary H. Beach and Mrs. Minnie Kendrick, all little known by reason of their brief residence among us, followed the succeeding year by Mr. W. J. Craig, Mrs. Harriet Clarkson Seafrid and Mrs. Lucy Crosman. The last named had long been a member with us, but for the later years of her life had been largely shut away from active participation in the work of the church. But her intelligent and active sympathies were always to be counted on and never ceased to be brought into exercise.

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In 1888 the number of our dead was considerably increased. Mrs. Emma C. Wright was the first to be called away, closing a long period of invalidism, borne with a patience and resignation that had their firm foundation in an earnest Christian faith. She was followed by Mrs. Edith Ryder Scott, one of our devoted young members, and Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, well remembered for the quiet fidelity with which she discharged all her obligations to the church which she loved. About the same time is recorded the death of Elbridge Gibson, succeeded soon after by Dr. Samuel Adams, who only lacked a formal enrollment in our list of members to be numbered as one of this household of faith, his actual connection being with the First Church of San Francisco, with which, in previous years, he had long been identified. He was one of the most lovable of men, with a sunny disposition, wide intelligence and a ripened Christian character, and was especially missed in the midweek meeting, where, in remark and prayer, his voice was often heard, and always to the pleasure and profit of his brethren.

1888

The sad roll concludes for the year with the name of Mrs. Rachel J. Hammond, one of our oldest members. One after another she had seen every member of her family taken from her, and for years had waited for the summons that should call her to a joyful reunion with them. With a patience that was pathetic in the sweetness of its resignation, she kept herself busy as best she could, listening intent meanwhile for the voice that should proclaim for her a glad release from bodily weakness and the hunger of the heart that reached forth with unappeasable longings after those whose names

were often on her lips, and never absent from her thought. We could but rejoice for her when she peacefully followed her loved ones into the skies.

The year 1889 was yet more memorable in the losses we were called upon to sustain. Mrs. Eliza Robinson was the first to go, a woman who loved the house of God, where it was her joy to
1889 gather with His people to offer her sincere tribute of worship and praise. Mrs. Azuba Clark, another faithful member, after a wearisome and painful illness, followed to her welcome rest, and soon after Mr. John H. Conant passed through the gates of a slow decline into eternal life, leaving behind a pleasant memory. But a few weeks passed when we were called to mourn the loss of Dr. Judson Bradley, a beloved physician who will long be remembered in many a home of the poor, where he wrought a true and devoted service for the Master whom he honored by his self-denying and comforting ministrations. Only three days elapsed when he was followed by another of our oldest members, Mr. Charles B. Hebbard, who was called away with scarcely a moment's warning. He was notably faithful in his attendance upon Sabbath worship, and in his thoughtful courtesies to strangers who were in casual attendance with us. William H. White, one of our newest members, and a young man of the highest character and of much promise, died about the same time in another State, where he was temporarily sojourning.

Then came the shock of a great loss to all hearts as we realized that Mrs. Alice Eddy Curtiss should be with us no more. She was just entering upon young womanhood, with a life of the brightest promise opening before her. She had already achieved a marked success as a writer of prose and poetry for the religious press, attracting to herself wide attention and an affectionate interest on the part of those whom she had touched, that reached far beyond the bounds of any personal acquaintance. All this had not changed the simplicity and sincerity of her character, or altered the manifest purpose of her life, devoted as it was to the service of her Lord. In the midst of plans for more extended labors and usefulness she was summoned to other spheres of activity, and left us to miss her pleasant companionship and to mourn the sudden termination of a life that had in it so large a promise of good for this needy world of ours.

The year's record closes with the name of Mr. David M. Richardson. He had been one of our most active and influential members for many years by reason of his business enterprise and prominence, his intelligent interest in all the benevolent work of the church and his possession of ample means. He was a man of strong will and pronounced opinions, which sometimes seemed not the most practicable or wise to his brethren, but withal he seriously recognized the claims of his stewardship, and lent a willing ear and an open hand to the manifold calls that came to him for aid. To his personal superintendence for years of the Trumbull Avenue Mission Sunday School, and his generous donations for its maintenance during the same period, is very largely due the existence of Plymouth Church to-day. His gifts to our own church and its various benevolences, also, were neither few nor small, and they deserve our grateful recognition in this memorial.

Mention should also be made of Mr. Simeon Folsom, long an active and trusted member of the society, whose decease occurred early in this year at the age of 77. The day of his death and of his birth was the same in the monthly calendar, and the last day of his life was the only one in which he was ever sick. He was a man of sturdy characteristics, and rendered much valuable service to us for years as one of our board of trustees.

Early in 1890 Mrs. Philomel Linzee passed away, leaving the memory of a very sweet Christian character and a life of patient fidelity to every call of duty that remains to this day fresh
1890 and attractive to all who knew her. Soon after Mr. D. M. Cooper was called hence, another quiet, unobtrusive member, held in restraint somewhat by an affliction of deafness, but of genuine Christian worth, whose place in the house of God was always occupied and whose consecration was whole-hearted and sincere.

In late September, Dorothy Jones died amid the mountains and valleys of Wales, the dwelling place of her ancestors, where she was visiting with her parents. She longed for the city and home of her birth during the weary hours of her last sickness, and God answered her prayer, as He often does His children, by giving her much more than she craved, taking her to that Home and City of whose exceeding glory and beauty eye hath not seen nor ear heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man the conception thereof. Her body was brought back to this city and rests in beautiful Woodmere. Of such as this

dear child is the kingdom of Heaven. Later on, Mrs. Olive Lacey, far advanced in years and at the opposite extreme of life, dropped the infirmities of age which had bound her for years and was clothed upon with eternal youth. She was an active, whole-hearted disciple, and in the chair to which she was almost exclusively confined, manifested a zeal and interest in everything that had to do with the progress of God's Kingdom in this world, and in personal obedience to His will, that would put to shame many professing Christians in the possession of abounding health and the multitude of life's good things. The name of Mrs. Celia Mellus closes the year's record, a member who had but a nominal connection with us for a long time.

Again the tide of loss rises in 1891 as the following names sadly testify: Rhoda Cowles, Mrs. Mary Moir, Mrs. Julia P. Waterhouse, Mrs. Janet Robertson, Mrs. Melissa Lerchen, Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D., Mrs. Ella Bilby and Mrs. Sarah Brydon. Miss Cowles—"Aunt Rhoda," as we were wont most often to call her—was another of the charter members of our church, and the only one received on that memorable occasion upon the confession of her faith. She was a woman of marked individuality and many excellent traits. Never married, she had reared the children of a deceased sister so carefully and well that they scarcely knew any other mother. Living alone among us in a very humble abode, she had fought single-handed the battle of life with a shrewdness and energy that often discomfited the crafty or dishonest men who sought to take advantage of her. Urged by those to whom she had been so faithful a foster-mother, and whose filial affection would gladly have supplied every want and care, she could not be persuaded to take up any permanent residence with them and away from Detroit, but clung to her home with an attachment that nothing could overcome, a large element in which was the strength of her interest in this the only church she ever knew. In the fear of God she lived and in His peace she passed away, closing a long life of humble fidelities whose reward shall be found on high.

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In the death of Mrs. Moir, one of our oldest members, another history of long and pathetic waiting came to its end. Ever since the death of her beloved daughter—"my jewel," as she would sometimes speak of her with tears glistening in her eyes—she had lived alone. Crippled for life by a fall, with that sturdy independence that is so predominant in the Scotch character, she had maintained

herself with a skill in method and a carefulness in economy that were a marvel to the few who knew anything of her affairs, her only dread being lest her funeral expenses should not be paid out of her own scanty means and before their complete exhaustion. Hers had been a stormy life, full of trouble and struggle that would have crushed many another, and, shut up at last to herself and her Bible, getting about only with difficulty and pain, she waited for weary years for the call of her Master and ready with all joy to respond to the summons. Submissive to His will in whom was all her trust, she hushed the longings of her heart and tarried in quietness and utmost patience till her change should come. And it is one of the glad privileges of this occasion to know that at last she has entered into the fullness of her rest, and that by the side of the river of the water of life, and beneath the trees that stand upon its banks with their wonderful manner of fruits, waiting mother and beloved daughter, reunited, walk hand in hand to-night. "And they shall go no more out forever."

Mrs. Waterhouse was among our newer members, but one whose love for the house of God and desire for the coming of His Kingdom were so constant and intelligent that she quickly became identified with His people and active in all their special interests, and we counted it a loss indeed when called to mourn her departure from the scenes and associations that were made glad by her coming into their midst. Mrs. Robertson was another of our oldest members, conspicuous for her faithful and devout attendance upon our Sabbath worship. Mrs. Lerchen was still another of those members of whom a church can never have enough, whose presence in the sanctuary and at the midweek meeting was so steadfast as to be a help and an inspiration to the pastor, and an honor to the Master whom she joyfully served. Mrs. Bilby and Mrs. Brydon were less generally known among us, prolonged illness having for years kept them from any active participation in our work.

Dr. Eddy's death brought to a close a long, busy and useful career. His was a striking personality. His large physical proportions were fittingly allied with uncommon intellectual endowments. He was possessed of strong logical powers, a poetic temperament, a vivid imagination and superior descriptive abilities. An omniverous reader and blessed with a retentive memory, his large acquisitions of knowledge were made tributary to his use with a skill and strength matched by but few in the pulpits of the land, and yet more rarely

surpassed. He was a great lover of good poetry and wonderfully apt in its quotation to illustrate, beautify and enforce his theme. As a reader of hymns I have never heard his equal and never expect to. He was also a passionate lover of music, a good singer, and a critic of both musical production and performance of superior quality. It is no wonder that large audiences were held in closest attention by the attractive garb in which he clothed his thought and the force with which he pressed it upon their attention. At the same time, Dr. Eddy was not without his defects, possibly given as a sharp contrast to all this splendid equipment, and designed to preserve him from being exalted overmuch, or his people from lavishing on him an unbounded admiration that should grow into an unwholesome idolatry. As pastor of this church he did a large and valuable work, which contributed materially to the impetus that has attended its subsequent development and growth.

It is meet also that in the losses of this year mention should be made of the death of Mr. William A. Butler, a valuable member of the society almost from the beginning. His ability, experience and knowledge as a business man of foremost capacity were often brought into requisition in times of stress in our financial affairs, and he was never appealed to in vain, while his steady contribution for the regular support of the church through all these years demonstrated the interest which he felt, an interest which found its crowning expression in his will, whereby he left $3,000 to apply towards the extinguishment of the debt on our new house of worship.

In the very opening days of 1892, Henry C. Bates died in California, whither he had gone in the vain hope of securing a restoration of health. In him our young people lost one of
1892 their most active and best-loved members, and a life of attractive promise was cut off while as yet it had scarcely begun. In the same month Mrs. Eva A. Rogers passed away, greatly to our grief and loss. She was one of our members in all save the name, having retained her connection, with all her family, with the First Church of San Francisco, but uniting herself practically with all the interests of this church, and being thoroughly allied to it in sympathy and effort. The good angel of her own home, her influence was felt in a gentle, winsome way far outside the domestic circle, and she left behind a memory that was very precious and sweet.

Soon after, Mrs. Mary Wales went to her coveted rest after a life of unwonted toil and care, endured with a patience and fortitude that only the most implicit trust in God could have supplied. She loved the sanctuary and was always to be found therein when possible. In the midst of poverty and with her own personal labor she had long maintained an aged mother, helpless from the burden of years and far gone in her second childhood, refusing the suggestion of outside aid to lift a load from her hands which it was an astonishment she was able to carry. Every requirement of filial duty scrupulously met at last, and worn out with her incessant exertion, she soon after followed her mother into that Land which knows no tired feet or hands or head, and where the weary such as she find a long and blessed repose.

In rapid succession came the death of Mrs. Althea George, Mrs. Margaret Fisher and Mr. John Henderson, followed soon after by the loss of Mrs. Mary A. Hurd. Spending a busy lifetime elsewhere as a pastor's wife, Mrs. Hurd came to Detroit to pass the closing years that should be vouchsafed to her in quiet retirement, and by her intelligence, womanly dignity and hearty concern in all the enterprises that seek to hasten on the coming and the Kingdom of our Lord, made for herself a place among us, especially in our ladies' missionary circle, that missed her when she had gone.

But a short time elapsed when we were called to lament the all too early departure of Mrs. Mercia M. Sumner. We had just begun to know and prize her for her cheerful and ready devotion to every duty, and her zeal in seeking to promote in all ways the peace and welfare of the church, when a hopeless and painful malady fastened itself upon her and finally tore her from us. It is given to few in so brief a period to gather to themselves so large a share in the affectionate regard of those with whom their lot is cast, as did this patient sufferer in the short time that she was numbered among us.

The year's record closes with the name of Mr. Eralsey Ferguson, who, coming into the church late in life, had only begun to be known to our membership, but whose generous heart and genial ways had already given him a place and a name among us not soon to be forgotten.

In the list of the dead of this year may properly be included Judge Jared Patchen, a constant attendant with us, and who had purposed uniting with this church upon the confession of his faith—a step which he had contemplated for a considerable time and to

which he had been brought by the deliberate and well-considered convictions of duty. There should also be added the name of Mrs. Ellen E. Jones, who, while not enrolled among our members, was interested in all that pertained to the progress of the church, and who passed away in the midst of a beautiful womanhood.

The losses of 1893 were not so many as in the years immediately preceding, but included those who were greatly prized for their varied qualities and worth. The first to go was Mrs. Mary E.

1893 Kennedy. Hers was another instance of a comparatively new member coming a stranger and quickly transformed into a familiar friend, by reason of the prompt and ready interest and activity that she manifested in the worship of God's house and in all that pertained to the work of the church. Her connection with us was not in name and form merely, but earnest, vital and sincere. Then quickly followed Mrs. Eliza A. Parsons, an early and life-long member. She had been with this church in all the struggles of its opening life, and had been devoted to its welfare in every stage of its development. With great kindness of heart and ready tact, her influence had been widely and beneficently felt in a multitude of pleasant ways throughout all the ranks of our large fellowship, and there are few among us who, at some time or other, have not had occasion to acknowledge the graciousness of some considerate word or act of hers that was meant to serve as a ministry of happiness or good. Her memory will long be affectionately cherished among us.

Mrs. Jane Bates died a month later, another old member, whose prayers and quiet fidelities had always been given without stint to this Zion of her love, which she prized above her chief joy. She was followed by Mr. John James, one of our oldest members, who had lived away from the city for several years, but still retained his connection with us. He died at the age of 87. So constant in his attendance upon the Sabbath and mid-week meetings as to be a model of fidelity, willing and hearty in his support of the church through all its years of struggle and sacrifice, he will long be held in pleasant remembrance. Next came Miss Isabella Motherwell, also having a long-time connection with us. She was shy and retiring in disposition and therefore known to but few, but by those few she was greatly esteemed for her native nobility of character and her unaffected consecration of heart and life. Only three days after, Miss Clara Rand, without a moment's premonition, passed into the unseen world. Possessing a bright and joyous disposition, ever ready to give her

help in any practicable way to promote the interests of this church, her unexpected loss fell with special heaviness upon our young people, among whom she was greatly beloved.

Our crowning grief for the year came when Mrs. Frances S. Warner went from us. Hers was a Christian character of rare beauty and exalted worth. Her tireless feet and busy hands were ever about the Master's business with an unselfishness, a glad and hearty devotion, that made her life one long and continuous act of consecration. Her charities were as silent as the dew and as abounding and blessed as the sunshine. She loved her God out of a pure heart fervently, and rejoiced at every opportunity to serve Him. Strange it is to us, so little can we see and know, that such a willing and faithful disciple should be tried so as by fire, yet this was her portion. For years she had beaten back the approaches of a dread disease with heroic courage, but at length, every resource exhausted, she turned to face her foe for the last time. She was the first to convey the distressing intelligence to her friends, with no tremor in her voice or pallor on her cheek, talking as quietly of it as though she were speaking of taking rest in sleep. Then she turned away alone to walk upon the burning coals of pain, while slowly bending lower and lower under the fast falling blows of suffering that knew no deliverance save through the gates of death. But not a murmur of complaint or impatience escaped her lips; she endured as seeing Him who is invisible. And thus was given unto her entrance into that Kingdom whose interests were always foremost in her thought and to which she devoted a life of joyous service. "I was dumb; I opened not my mouth because Thou didst it."

Three other deaths in our fellowship during 1893 may properly be noted here. Mr. Alvah E. Leavitt was one of the most recent members of our society and an old and respected citizen. A long illness had kept him from any active participation in our affairs, but did not prevent him from manifesting a growing interest in them in various ways. Mr. William Bourn and Mr. Frank R. Aldrich had long been of our membership in all but name, concerned in everything that had reference to the welfare of the church, and seeking its peace and prosperity with singleness of purpose and desire. The first passed to his reward at the end of a protracted decline, while the last named responded to the final summons "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." Both left behind them the good hope that they were found not slothful servants.

At this point I step aside for a moment from the path prescribed for me by the strict requirements of this occasion to make mention of five names of members for a long time actively connected with us, but at the period of their death outside the ranks of our fellowship. It would seem a real deprivation if their memory were not at last embalmed in such a memorial as this.

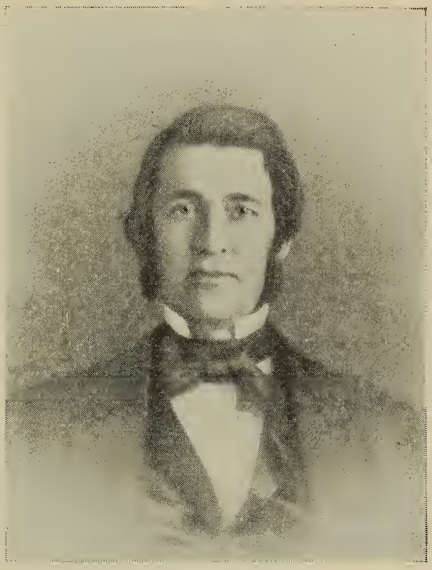


Mrs. Melvina R. Eddy.
Wife of Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D.

Mrs. Melvina R. Eddy passed away at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1886, where she was associated with her husband in his last pastoral labors. It was not possible that she could actually sever the relations with us established by ten years of unwearied activity, or that we could fail to hold her labors among us in admiring remembrance. She was a woman of extraordinary executive abilities, completely devoted to her

duties as a pastor's wife, and discharging them in all their wide import with a zeal, a discretion and a success that have left an ineffaceable impress upon the history of this church. Her husband's bow abode in its great strength not a little because of the stanch loyalty with which she seconded all his efforts, and because at all times she was his wise counselor and his truest friend.

Dr. Noadiah D. Stebbins died at Dowagiac, in this State, in 1888, at the age of 87. From almost the beginning, and for many years, he was one of our best loved members because of his ministries of affection and help in so many of our homes. Never did a physician more completely carry his patients on his heart than did this devoted friend, watching over them with a skill and patience and tenderness that knew no bounds to the sacrifice of time and strength he was ever ready to make. It is no wonder that his hair early whitened under the sorrows and anxieties of others that he was continually making his own. Gratitude that no words can express from an unnumbered host that were made his debtors, abides with his blessed memory.



Rev. Oren C. Thompson,
Sunday School Superintendent, 1849–1851.

Rev. Oren C. Thompson died in this city in 1890, at the age of 84. He was a pioneer in the gospel ministry in this State, coming here when it was yet a territory, and always casting in his lot as a pastor with home mission churches. He was the moderator of the council that organized the "Old First," and was our second Sunday school superintendent. For the last twenty-five years of his life his time and energies were given to a circle of small churches within a radius of thirty miles of Detroit, among which he did a self-denying and invaluable work as a judicious adviser, a faithful preacher of the word and a steadfast friend. He loved this labor with the humble people

who are God's special heritage, and among them remembrance of him remains to this day as ointment poured forth. I have often coveted for this church the recovery of his name to its roll, where it stood for many years, but he preferred that it should be found at the last with one of the little churches that were his special care.

Mrs. Julia P. Ballard, the well-remembered wife of the third pastor of this church, died in New York city early in the present year.



Mrs. Julia P. Ballard.
Wife of Rev. Addison Ballard, D. D.

She was possessed of a character of peculiar loveliness and excellence. Her consecration was complete and she was ever intensely interested in seeing God's hand in the works of His wonderful and infinite creation as well as in the marvels of His grace. With a mind of great acuteness, she had made herself an authority in some branches of scientific investigation, while she had achieved an enviable reputation

in the field of general literature, in both prose and poetry, by her published books and her frequent contributions to the religious press. Her influence as a pastor's wife was felt throughout the church in the silent rather than the demonstrative ways of leadership, wherein she rendered a most useful and efficient service. The tribute which one poet has paid to another can fittingly be applied to her:

"None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise."

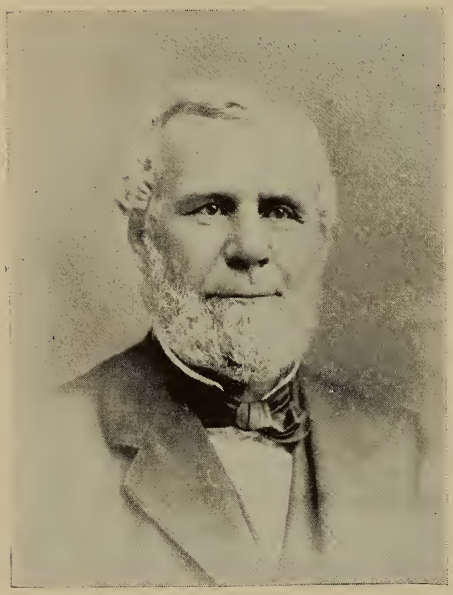
Mr. Israel Coe died in Waterbury, Conn., in 1891, at the great age of 97. He had long been absent, visiting us only at rare intervals, but the valuable service he rendered this church in its early period of growth is still gratefully recalled among us by all who are familiar with the history of the struggles of those early times. He was a man of high character and commanding influence, and never ceased to follow our development with special interest and pleasure. In him the Psalmist's words of triumphant assurance found a singularly complete fulfillment: "With long life will I satisfy him and I will show him my salvation."

The closing year of our half-century has witnessed such a swelling tide of bereavement among us as is altogether unexampled in our history. Early in January, Mrs. Harriet E. Douglass, after a
1894 courageous struggle with disease and suffering was called home. She was frank and open-hearted, never laggard in doing her full part in any service, and throwing herself into all our church life with an abandon of good will that kindled enthusiasm in others by its noble contagion. Such generous natures as was hers are a special treasure to any church that is privileged to enroll them in its membership. Mr. James McKellar soon followed—one of our newer members whom we were just beginning to know and increasingly to prize when he was suddenly called away.

Then came the loss of one much beloved among us, Mrs. Florence J. Strong. Intensely earnest in her convictions and supremely true to them, prompt in her response to every call of duty and giving herself without stint to the service of others, often in much bodily weakness, she was one of our active, untiring workers, whose help was always to be counted on in any enterprise which the church had in hand, and was doubled in value by reason of the heartiness with which it was given. The places of such as Mrs. Strong are not easily filled. Closely following upon each other came the departure of Mr. E. William Cobb

and of Mr. Hiram Granger—the former one of the foremost in promise of activity and usefulness among our young men, and whose early loss was deeply mourned; the latter long with us but for years past almost wholly laid aside on account of increasing age, but whose liberal support at an earlier period is still well remembered among us.

Following these, and almost before we knew that he was sick, came the sorrowful tidings of the death of Mr. Edwin C. Hinsdale, one of our honored deacons. He was a man of sterling worth. Whether in public station or private life, his integrity was never questioned. No ship was ever truer to her helm than was he to the dictates of conscience, nor was it his wont under the influence of self-interest to force those dictates to a false utterance. He humbly and sincerely sought to know the will of God, and Paul himself was not more obedient to the heavenly vision than was this good man when it was made apparent to him what his Lord would have him do. This church was very dear to his heart and he cherished its interests as the apple of his eye. Nor did he stop with this. He earnestly desired to see the Kingdom of God fully established in the earth, and rejoiced at the multiplying tokens of its progress. Nor were his prayers alone offered up to this blessed end, but he gave generously and gladly to all our benevolent causes, esteeming self-denial a privilege and not a burden that he might help on the glorious work. Living for years in the prospect of sudden death, he had calmly committed himself into the care of a covenant-keeping God, and had gone on the even tenor of his way, anxious only to be numbered among those servants whom his Lord should find watching at His coming. As I look back over his long and upright course, so true to every trust, so affectionate,



Deacon Edwin C. Hinsdale.
1878-1894.

responsive and friendly in all the relations of private life, I am constrained to take up the cry of the Psalmist: "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail among the children of men."

Crowding close one upon the other, next came the going out from among us of Mrs. Mary T. Higgins, Mrs. Nancy Ferguson and Mrs. Frances A. Curtiss, all advanced in years, but each with many a busy thought concerning the interests of the Kingdom of their Lord in this fallen world of ours. Mrs. Higgins was a woman of much force of character, a lover of God's word and intelligent in its study and use, and never absent willingly from the worship of the sanctuary. Mrs. Ferguson, too, witnessed a like good confession, and won the affectionate regard of all who knew her as they took note of her blameless walk and her whole-hearted devotion to every duty. Mrs. Curtiss had spent all the years of her active life as the wife of a home missionary pastor, and in the evening of her days was still alert and active in doing good in a multitude of quiet ways. The poor will sadly miss her words of comfort and her kindly ministries of help, and many a toiler in God's wide field of the world will lose something of power and endurance because this good woman's prayers have ceased to marshal themselves in daily procession before His throne that strength and grace may be given them—unless, indeed, with greater importunity they are poured forth in the very presence and audience chamber of the King.

The last name upon the list of our departed members for the present year is that of Mr. Abram L. Stebbins. He was a man of approved integrity and genuine worth, who had filled many positions of large responsibility with a fidelity that honored his Christian profession. He left behind him that good name that is rather to be chosen than great riches.

There remains to mention the names of three of our friends who, while not enrolled among our members, were attached to us by ties of peculiar strength. Mr. Horace F. Walker, who died at Honolulu in the early part of the year, whither he had gone in a vain search for relief, was born and reared in our communion. He early went away in the prosecution of his studies and from these he stepped out at once into the busy world to meet its duties and demands. He was a young man of unusual talents and remarkable proficiency, cut down on the very threshold of what promised to be a brilliant career, after a prolonged and pathetic struggle with disease, whose steady progress

neither medical skill nor the most devoted affection could either arrest or avert. His body was brought back by the sister who had been his faithful companion and rests in our midst.

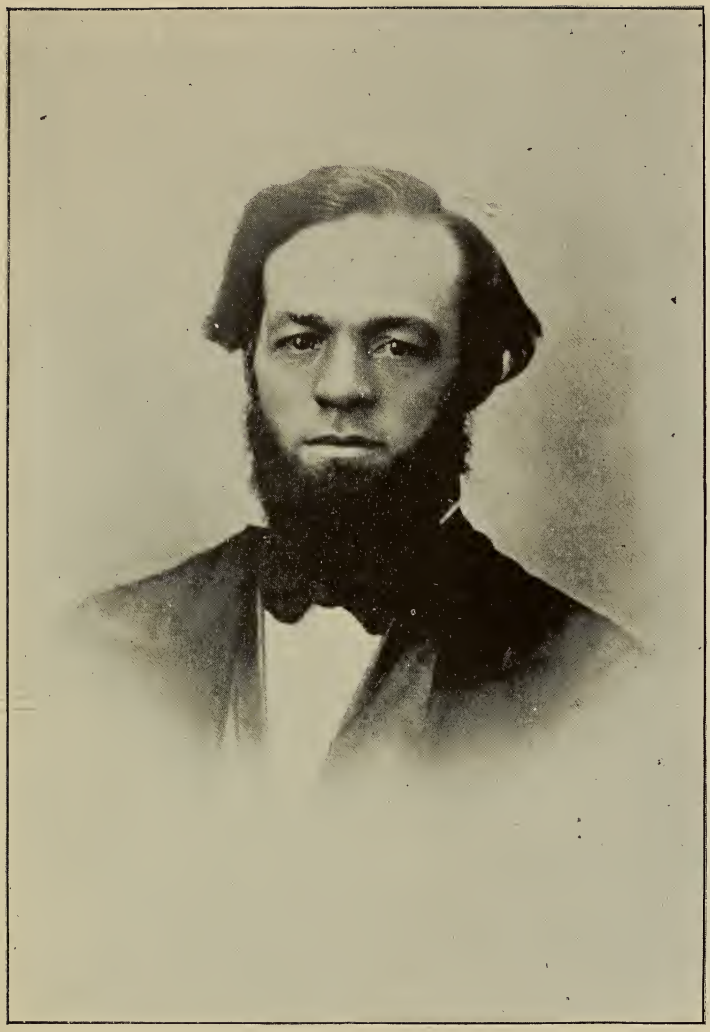
In the very prime of a life already full of manifold usefulness and the promise of yet larger achievement, Mr. Henry A. Chaney and Mr. Charles K. Backus, in midsummer, followed quickly one after the other into the unseen world, called in each instance so unexpectedly that we were stunned with the suddenness of the visitation. With exalted ideals of life; abounding in noble impulses and responsive to the best spirit of our time; increasingly reverent and thoughtful students of God's word and providences, and with a steadily enlarging recognition of His immanence in the mighty march of events constantly transpiring before our eyes; their early going from us records a loss that reaches far beyond the limits of this parish, and extends into the domain of the highest and most valuable citizenship. Remembering their strong regard for each other, as well as the striking similarity of their aims, their aspirations and the deepening sense of responsibility that grew upon them alike with the advancing years, David's lament over Saul and Jonathan may fittingly be applied to them: "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided." Associated with both of them for years in professional labors, and learning to prize them for their nobility of character and their generous hearts, I confess it had been among the day dreams that sometimes flit through my vagrant thought that, one day, when I had gone on my returnless way, these two friends might speak a kindly word for me—and I think they would have done it. Alas for my vanished hope, and that, in some poor sort, I am called upon to render a like service for them!

The roll-call of our promoted ones from the fellowship of this church for the last quarter of a century, is ended. As their names have been pronounced, memory has been busy summoning the still and placid features back to life once more, and the familiar forms have again taken their places beside us. Is it all a figment of the fancy that a far larger audience is listening at the close of this address than when it was begun? Were Samaria's prophet with us to unseal our dull and holden eyes, all the space above and around might be seen peopled with those who have undying interest in us but are no longer

with us in earthly form. But there is neither seer nor open vision. We only know that it is well with those who have gone away from us and that they wait for our coming. It is for us to turn to the duties of the present with renewed and serious diligence, doing with our might what our hands find to do.

"Fast falls the eventide" with many of us. Our tarrying cannot be long. And when, one by one, our ships shall swing away from the moorings of earth and time, and shall speed out across unknown seas to an unseen shore, upon its outmost verge we feel sure, there will stand those who were with us and of us in days that are gone, with eager faces and outstretched hands to bid us welcome to "the Father's house, where the many mansions be."

O, friends beloved of our hearts and homes, forever enshrined in our affectionate remembrance, we count you not as lost—only parted from us a little space. We share with you these days of jubilee and wave you our joyful greetings. Hail, and good morrow! We shall meet again!



Rev. Henry L. Hammond
1845–1847.

CONCLUDING EXERCISES.

THE closing exercises of the three days' anniversary were held on Monday evening, Dec. 10. Despite the fact of a stormy night, a large number were in attendance at the reception given in the chapel parlors to Rev. Drs. Kitchel, Ballard and Davis, and Mrs. Davis, together with Deacon and Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Cook, the three surviving members of the original thirteen who constituted the church at its organization. A very enjoyable evening was spent in the exchange of congratulations and reminiscences with those who, in varying relations, had had so large a share in all the growth and activities of the church. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church during the evening.

At the same time that this program was being carried out in the chapel, a musical entertainment was given in the main auditorium of the church by the combined service of the choir and chorus and the Sunday school orchestra. The selections were finely rendered, and the whole performance was one of rare excellence.

At the close of the services already noted, the entire congregation assembled in the church where, the pastor presiding, brief congratulatory addresses of a cordial and fraternal character were made by the pastors of neighboring churches of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal denominations, closing with one on behalf of the sister Congregational churches of the city.

One pleasant bit of history was narrated by Rev. Dr. Brownson, speaking in behalf of the Presbyterian churches. After stating that on the day before, at their morning service, his people (the First Presbyterian Church) had, by a unanimous and rising vote, sent to this church their hearty congratulations and cordial Godspeed, he continued: "To-day I was looking over the records of the meetings of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, and I found a record in which I thought you might be interested. It reads:

Minutes of Session, December 19, 1844 (held in the old brick Session room on the corner of Larned street and Woodward avenue.) The following individuals were present: Rev. Geo. Duffield, D. D., Moderator; Eurotas P. Hastings, Horace Hallock, Robert Stuart, Edward Bingham and Benj. F. Larned. The following individuals, to-wit: William Cook and Marietta P. Cook, his wife; James G. Crane and Mary A., his

wife; Robert W. Warner and Caroline A., his wife; and Francis Raymond and Ruth, his wife; severally requested letters of dismission and recommendation to the Congregational church about to be organized in this city. These several requests were granted and the Clerk was directed to furnish the necessary testimonials.

(Signed) BENJ. F. LARNED, *Clerk.*

"I noted also," continued Dr. Brownson, "that the three surviving members, whom you honor here to-night, were all received into the First Presbyterian Church upon confession of their faith—Francis Raymond, May 12, 1838; Ruth Rice, Feb. 29, 1840; and Marietta P. Cook, Nov. 27, 1843. Of course you are a good church; you come from good stock."

And so ended the first semi-centennial and the second quarter-centennial celebration of the organization of the "Old First."

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE FIRST HALF-CENTURY.

PASTORS AND ACTING PASTORS.

Henry L. Hammond.....1845–1847
Harvey D. Kitchel, D. D.....1848–1864
Samuel M. Freeland.....1864–1866
Addison Ballard, D. D.....1866–1872
Zachary Eddy, D. D.....1873–1884
William H. Davis, D. D.....1884–

DEACONS.

Sherman S. Barnard..1845–1881
Charles Howard....1845–1861
Silas M. Holmes.....1849–1861
Francis Raymond...1856–
Lyman Baldwin.....1856–1875
Charles I. Walker..1861–1865
William Warner....1861–1865
Charles I. Walker..1866–1895
Charles E. Silsbee..1866–1866
Timothy L. Partridge.1865–'68
Henry E. Bostwick..1868–1878
Henry E. Baker....1868–
George M. Lane.....1874–
Edwin C. Hinsdale..1878–1894
Frank Milligan.....1878–1881
Edward D. Jones...1891–
Allan Bourn.....1891–1892
Arthur H. Bigg, M. D.1891–1895
Thomas Donnelly...1892–
David Ogilvie.....1894–

DEACONESSES.

Mrs. Mary H. Hall...1891–1895
Mrs. Bessie G. Bourn..1891–1892
Mrs. Jane Smith.....1891–
Mrs. Frances C. Wright..'91-'95
Miss May C. Mallory...1891–
Miss Laura S. Adams....1891–
Miss Martha L. Miller.1891–
Mrs. Helen A. Clark....1892–
Mrs. Sadie J. Kiskadden, 1893–

CLERK.

Francis Raymond.....1845–

TREASURERS.

Francis Raymond.....1845–1872
Lyman Baldwin.....1872–1875
George M. Lane.....1875–

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Charles Howard.....1845–1849
Oren C. Thompson....1849–1851
Charles S. Cushing...1851–1855
Henry E. Baker.....1855–1860
Robert W. King.....1860–1864
Edwin C. Hinsdale...1864–1866
Robert W. King.....1866–1868
Henry E. Bostwick...1868–1878
George M. Lane.....1878–1880
Allan Bourn.....1880–1887
John Davis.....1887–1891
W. H. Strong.....1891–

SOCIETY OFFICERS
FOR THE FIRST HALF-CENTURY.

TRUSTEES.

When Elected.

Nov. 25, 1844—E. Tyler, L. Baldwin (one year); Israel Coe, F. Raymond (two years); Charles G. Hammond (three years).
Dec. 15, 1845—L. Baldwin, E. K. Gilbert.
Nov. 9, 1846—Israel Coe, F. Raymond.
Dec. 14, 1847—Reuben Town, H. T. Backus.
Dec. 11, 1848—L. Baldwin, S. S. Barnard.
Dec. 17, 1849—George F. Porter, F. Raymond.
Dec. 16, 1850—William A. Butler.
Dec. 8, 1851—Sereno C. Hammond, S. S. Barnard.
Dec. 14, 1852—George F. Porter, F. Raymond.
Dec. 19, 1853—William A. Butler.
Dec. 18, 1854—S. S. Barnard, S. M. Holmes, T. K. Adams.
Dec. 10, 1855—F. Raymond, T. K. Adams.
Dec. 15, 1856—William A. Butler.
Dec. 21, 1857—S. S. Barnard, S. M. Holmes.
Dec. 20, 1858—T. K. Adams, C. I. Walker.
Dec. 12, 1859—William A. Butler.
Dec. 17, 1860—S. S. Barnard, William Warner.
Dec. 16, 1861—C. I. Walker, R. W. King.
Dec. 22, 1862—William A. Butler.
Dec. 14, 1863—S. S. Barnard, Philo Parsons.
Dec. 12, 1864—C. I. Walker, R. W. King.
Dec. 18, 1865—William A. Butler.
Dec. 17, 1866—S. S. Barnard, W. W. Wheaton.
Dec. 16, 1867—C. I. Walker, Newell Avery, Philo Parsons.
Dec. 21, 1868—William A. Butler, Simeon Folsom.
Dec. 23, 1869—C. I. Walker, Philo Parsons.
Dec. 23, 1870—Charles A. Kent.
Dec. 23, 1871—D. M. Richardson, Newell Avery.
Dec. 23, 1872—Simeon Folsom, Philo Parsons.
Dec. 23, 1873—Robert J. Hackett.
Dec. 23, 1874—D. M. Richardson, Newell Avery.
Dec. 23, 1875—Abiram Parker, C. J. Whitney.
Dec. 23, 1876—Robert J. Hackett.

When Elected. TRUSTEES—*Continued.*

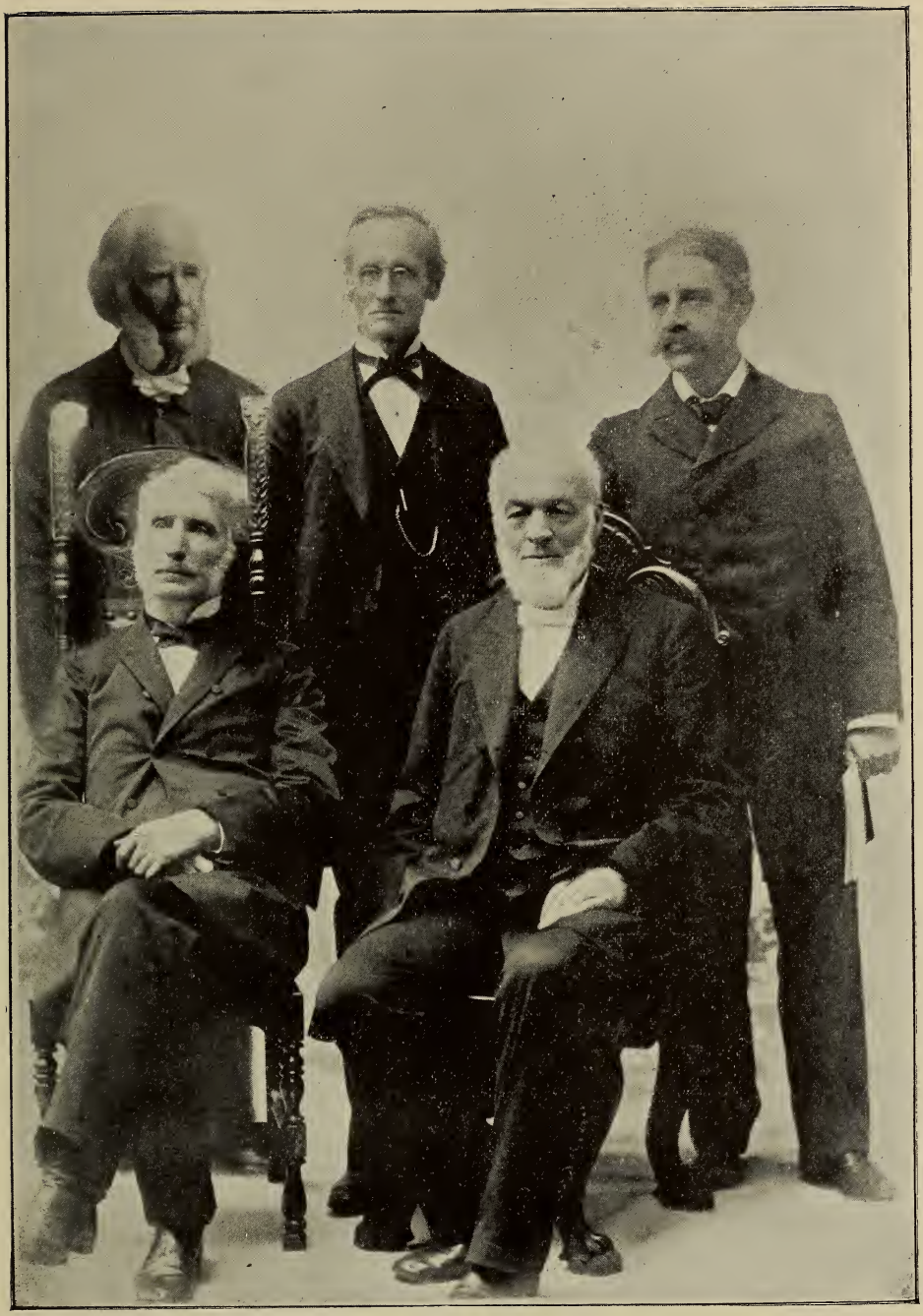
Dec. 23, 1877—D. M. RICHARDSON, C. A. KENT.
Dec. 16, 1878—A. PARKER, C. J. WHITNEY.
May 19, 1879—P. PARSONS, ALLAN BOURN (to fill vacancies).
Dec. 8, 1879—PHILO PARSONS.
Dec. 13, 1880—E. T. GILBERT, J. K. BURNHAM, GEO. R. ANGELL.
Dec. 12, 1881—D. R. SHAW, A. L. STEBBINS.
Dec. 16, 1882—PHILO PARSONS.
Dec. 17, 1883—J. K. BURNHAM, GEO. R. ANGELL.
Dec. 8, 1884—D. R. SHAW, A. L. STEBBINS.
Dec. 7, 1885—PHILO PARSONS.
Dec. 13, 1886—J. K. BURNHAM, GEORGE R. ANGELL.
Dec. 12, 1887—D. M. RICHARDSON, FORD H. ROGERS.
Dec. 10, 1888—F. C. PINGREE, A. L. STEBBINS.
Dec. 19, 1889—GEO. R. ANGELL, A. L. STEBBINS, E. D. JONES, W. H. STRONG.
Dec. 8, 1890—E. D. JONES, W. H. STRONG.
Oct. 8, 1891—FRED. C. STOEPEL.
Jan. 11, 1892—F. C. PINGREE, EDMUND HALL, E. K. POTTER.
(The number of trustees increased from five to seven.)
Jan. 9, 1893—GEO. R. ANGELL, F. C. STOEPEL.
Jan. 8, 1894—E. D. JONES, FORD H. ROGERS.

CLERKS.

FRANCIS RAYMOND.....1844–1872
GEORGE M. LANE.....1872–1879
EDWIN C. HINSDALE.....1879–1888
FRANCIS RAYMOND.....1888–1892
HENRY E. BAKER.....1892–

TREASURERS.

FRANCIS RAYMOND.....1844–1872
EDWIN C. HINSDALE.....1872–1888
FRANCIS RAYMOND.....1888–1892
HENRY E. BAKER.....1892–



Group of all the Installed Pastors in 1891.

LIST OF MEMBERS

OF THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

1844–1894.

Abell, Ida May, '77.
Acker, Samuel, '55.
Acker, Mrs. Betsey A., '55.
Ackerman, Mrs. Martha F., '57.
Adams, Mrs. Nancy, '50.
Adams, Laura, '50.
Adams, Herbert C., '51.
Adams, Josiah, '52.
Adams, Thomas K., '58.
Adams, Mrs. Sarah F., '55.
Adams, Isabella, '65.
Adams, Laura S., '65.
Adams, Edward T., '80.
Adams, William D., '69.
Adams, Mrs. Ella E., '74.
Adams, Eva Belle, '91.
Adams, John B., '91.
Adams, Mrs. Caroline E., '63.
Adams, Charles F., '70.
Adams, Charles E., '93.
Adams, Mrs. Frances J., '93.
Adams, Harriet L., '93.
Albright, Leila R., '91.
Alden, John M., '59.
Alden, Mrs. Augusta M., '59.
Alford, Martin L., '73.
Alford, Mrs. Mary H., '73.
Allen, Richard, '47.
Allen, Mrs. Jane, '53.
Allen, Ellen, '66.
Allen, Ephraim W., '77.
Allendyce, Margaret, '69.
Ames, Wm. P., '92.
Ames, Mrs. Evangeline R., '92.
Ames, Ernest R., '92.
Ames, Maria T., '92.
Andrews, George P., '69.
Andrews, Mrs. Sarah G., '69.
Andrews, Mrs. Elizabeth M., '74.
Angell, George R., '87.
Angell, George H., '87.
Angell, Mabel J., '91.
Archer, Wm. C., '89.
Armstrong, Mrs. Anna H., '57.
Arnold, Henry, '56.
Arnold, Mrs. Winifred, '56.
Arnold, Mary, '58.
Arnold, Edward G., '87.
Ashley, Mrs. Polly, '71.
Ashley, Edward H., '70.
Ashwell, Horace W., '92.
Ashwell, M. Blanche C., '92.
Atkinson, Hector J., '77.
Atwood, H. S., '52.
Atwood, Mrs. Mary L., '51.
Augur, Edmund F., '93.
Augur, Mrs. Ella V., '93.
Austin, Mrs. Cynthia T., '61.
Austin, Mary H., '61.
Austin, Joseph H. '61.
Austin, Hamilton A., '78.
Avery, Wm. T., '46.
Avery, Mrs. Olivia M., '46.
(Mrs. Sutherland.)
Avery, Mrs. Helen Mary, '56.
Avery, Newell, '74.
Avery, Mrs. Nancy, '74.
Avery, Clara, '74.
Avery, Nancy M., '77.
(Mrs. H. W. Skinner.)
Avery, Nellie, '77.
(Mrs. W. W. Augur.)
Avery, Mrs. Elida C., '80.

Backus, Mrs. Juliana T., '48.
Bacon, Nathaniel P., '85.
Bacon, Elbridge F., '92.
Bacon, Mrs. Clarena W., '92.
Bailey, Joseph C., '45.
Bailey, Mrs. Ann, '45.

Baird, Ellen A, '58.
Baker, Henry E., '56.
Baker, Mrs. Emily P., '56.
Baker, Charles H., '71.
Baker, Abby D., '74.
Baker, Henry S., '65.
Baldwin, Lyman, '44.
Baldwin, Mrs. Mancy, '44.
Baldwin, Celia M., '46.
(Mrs. B. Rush Bagg.)
Baldwin, Frances E., '52
(Mrs. J. E. Beebe.)
Baldwin, John A., '65.
Ballard, Addison, '66.
Ballard, Mrs. Julia P., '66.
Bannister, Frank, '74.
Banta, George D., '94.
Barber, Mrs. Evalena E., '79.
Barber, Mary S., '79.
Barley, Arthur E., '74.
Barley, Fanny, '81.
Barnard, Sherman S., '44.
Barnard, Mrs. Mary J., '45.
Barnard, Abby, '51.
(Mrs. R. J. Hackett.)
Barnard, John Q., '51.
Barnard, Mary, '51.
(Mrs. E. M. Clark)
Barnard, Emma L., '58.
(Mrs. M. L. Smith.)
Barnard, Fanny H., '80.
(Mrs. C. S. Pierce.)
Barnes, A. A., '87,
Barnes, Samuel N., '87.
Barnum, Minerva, '48.
(Mrs. T. L. Partridge.)
Barnum, Edwin W., '56.
Barnum, Mrs. Mary E, '56.
Barnum, Lucretia S., '60.
Barrett, Charles H., '58.
Barrows, Stephen S., '50.
Barrows, Mrs. Lurania, '50.
Bartley, Mary E., '55.
Bartley, Sarah E., '55.
Batchelder, John L., '84.
Batchelder, Mrs. Rachel M., '84.
Bates, Catherine, '46.
Bates, Mrs. Eunice E., '52.
Bates, Mrs. Jane, '55.
Bates, Joanna, '65.
(Mrs. Amos Sutton.)
Bates, Frederick D., '63.
Bates, George B., '86.
Bates, Mrs. Ann E., '86.
Bates, Henry C., '86.
Bates, Helen C., '86.
Bates, Alfred F., '93.
Bathers, Anna C., '74.
Bathers, Sophia E., '74.
Beach, Mary N., '52.
Beach, Mrs. Mary H., '70.
Beard, Robert R., '65.
Beard, Catherine, '74.
Beaton, Angus, '80.
Beaton, Mrs. Emily, '79.
Beattie, Robert, '51.
Beattie, Mrs. Martha, '56.
Beattie, Margaret, '56.
Beattie, Eliza, '58.
Beattie, Martha, '62.
Beck, Charles L., '75.
Beebe, Mary, '48.
(Mrs. Clark.)
Beebe, John E., '53.
Beebe, Mrs. Abigail, '62.
Beecher, Mrs. Mary, '57.
Beeker, Maria L., '69.
Beekman, John G., '71.
Beekman, Mrs. Susan, '71.
Belknap, Eva J., '74.
(Mrs. Edward H. Ashley.)
Bell, Daniel P., '58.
Bell, Mrs. Clarissa E., '58.
Bell, Laura, '94.
Bellows, Mrs. Jane A., '65.
Benedict, Fletcher, '74.
Benedict, Mrs. Renew, '74.
Bennett, James L., '77.
Bigelow, Joseph E., '56.
Bigelow, Mrs. Mary G., '56.
Bigelow, Charles P., '65.
Bigg, Arthur H., '77.
Bigg, Mrs. Adaline E., '77.
Bigg, Ellen J., '85.
Bigler, Frank S., '90.
Bilby, Ella E., '86.
Bishop, Wm. Warner, '87.
Bishop, Elizabeth L., '87.
Bishop, Helen L., '90
Bishop, Mrs. Sybil P., '94.

Bissell, Mary S., '51.
Bissell, Mrs. Melesent W., '46.
Bissell, Henrietta A., '71.
Bissell, Roman A., '71.
Black, Catherine S., '48.
Blackader, John W., '48.
Blackader, Mrs. Martha, '59.
Blackader, Henry H., '77.
Blackader, Elizabeth M., '90.
Blackman, Francis H., '82.
Blackman, Mrs. Ida M., '82.
Blackman, Maud J., '91.
Blackwood, William, '91.
Blackwood, Margaret, '94.
Blaikie, Thomas R., '75.
Blaikie, Mrs. Margaret B., '75.
Blakewell, George D., '90.
Blakewell, Mrs. Pauline V., '90.
Blakewell, Mary E., '90.
Blanchard, Addison, '89.
Blanchard, Mrs. Abby G., '89.
Bliss, William S., '57.
Bliss, Mrs. Frances H., '59.
Bliss, Lucy, '58.
Bliss, Mrs. Mary E., '91.
Blodgett, Sarah E., '76.
Bobzin, Charles, '94.
Bobzin, Mrs. Caroline E., '92.
Bobzin, Louise, '94.
Bochman, Mrs. Hester, '52.
Booth, Edmund W., '89.
Booth, Mrs. Mollie S., '89.
Bostwick, Henry E., '55.
Bostwick, Mrs. Sophia A., '61.
Bostwick, Frank F., '71.
Bourn, Allan, '75.
Bourn, Mrs. Bessie G., '75.
Bourn, Fred. A., '89.
Bourn, Annie C., '91.
Bourn, William G., '91.
Bow, Mrs. Isabella, '76.
Bow, Isabella, '76.
(Mrs. Davis.)
Bow, Kate, '76.
(Mrs. Hunter.)
Bowen, Mrs. Hannah, '74.
Bowring, Kate S., '78.
(Mrs. J. L. Wakely.)
Bowring, Maria L., '78.
(Mrs. C. L. Gill.)
Bowring, W. Palmer, '80.
Boyd, Robert W., '57.
Brace, Curtis D., '91.
Brace, Mrs. Huldah, '91.
Brace, Charles, '91.
Brace, Nellie B., '91.
Brackett, Ernest R., '88.
Bradley, Matilda, '56.
Bradley, Mrs. Charles, '58.
Bradley, Artie M., '58.
Bradley, Judson, '74.
Bradley, Mrs. Ellen M., '74.
Bradner, Addie S., '55.
(Mrs. C. D. Palmer.)
Braman, Cynthia, '51.
(Mrs. Rockwood.)
Breck, Angelina S., '56.
(Mrs. Andrews.)
Breshna, Jennie, '80.
Bridgman, Mrs. Charlotte J., '86.
Bridgman, Edgar C., '80.
Bridgman, Marie Louise, '80.
(Mrs. W. R. Dodsley.)
Broas, Mrs. Mary C., '85.
Bronson, Wm. H. '55.
Bronson, Mrs. Laura L., '57.
Bronson, Mrs. Mary, '57.
Brooks, Mrs. Caroline, '57.
Brooks, Margaret, '68.
Brooks, Mary, '68.
(Mrs. W. D. Morton.)
Brown, Emma, '48.
Brown, Emily, '49.
Brown, Mrs. Maria E., '52.
Brown, Mrs. Sarah, '57.
Brown, Sylvia, '65.
Brown, Anselm R., '80.
Brown, Mrs. Anna R., '94.
Brundage, Harvey, '57.
Brush, Amanda, '46.
(Mrs. Grant.)
Brush, Henry T., '77.
Brush, Mrs. Charlotte G., '76.
(Mrs. J. M. Donaldson.)
Brush, Frederick F., '94.
Brydon, Margaret A., '77.
Brydon, Mary J., '77.
(Mrs. James Walker.)
Brydon, Mrs. Sarah, '80.
Buffum, Joshua, '50.
Buffum, Mrs. Ruth H., '50.

Bull, Mrs. Adaline, '45.
Bull, Mrs. Mary, '54.
Burgess, Henry A., '55.
Burgess, Mrs. Julia E., '55.
Burgess, Mrs. Mary P., '55.
Burgess, Sadie E., '94.
Burnell, Mrs Emily J., '47.
(Mrs. Levi Dolsen.)
Burnell, Elizabeth E., '58.
(Mrs. Theo. Wood.)
Burnham, James K., '80.
Burnham, Mrs. Ella, '71.
Burnham, Edith B., '80.
(Mrs. Rice Miner.)
Burnham, Jessie E., '80.
Burnham, Grace M., '89.
(Mrs. Rollins Hockaday.)
Burnham, Clara A , '89.
Burns, John T., '94.
Burns, Mrs. Sarah M., '94.
Burr, Wm. H., '65.
Burr, Harry H., '93.
Burr, Mrs. Nellie L., '93.
Burroughs, Louisa L., '65.
Burt, Effie M., '92.
Burt Elsie N., '92.
Bushnell, Mrs. Hannah H., '49.
Butler, Mrs. Hannah, '63.
Butler, Emma M., '65.
Butler, Charles W., '65.
Butler, Mrs. Della, '87.
Butterfield, Mrs. Harriet A., '58.
Butterfield, Satilla G., '74.
(Mrs. F. T. Moran.)
Butterfield, Lola A., '82.
(Mrs. Hibbard Baker.)
Butterfield, Eugenia W., '82.
(Mrs. F. H. Webster.)

Cady, Calvin B., '79.
Cady, Mrs. Josephine, '80.
Cady, Charles G., '90.
Campbell, Maria, '48.
Campbell, Maria T., '51.
Campbell, Mrs. Margaret, '83.
Capper, Mrs. Emma, '93.
Capper, Jessie M., '93.
Carew, Charlotte, '69.
Carey, Mrs. Sarah E., '68.
Carey, Alice A., '68.
Carlisle, Frederick, '61.
Carlisle, Mrs. Charlotte, '61.
Carlisle, Ida A., '74.
Carlisle, Ruth, '92.
Carpenter, J. H., '49.
Carpenter, Mrs. Alida, '51.
Carpenter, Mrs. Elizabeth E., '93.
Carr, Mrs. Harriett K., '94.
Carrier, Mrs. Frances M., '59.
Carrier, Albert E., '65.
Carrier, Mary E., '65.
(Mrs. N. Terry Taylor.)
Carter, Mary J., '73.
Carter, Mrs. Fannie F., '87.
Carver, David, '56.
Carver, Mrs. Jane T., '56.
Carver, Enoch, '74.
Carver, Mrs. Sarah J., '74.
Carver, Mary F., '85.
(Mrs. Walter Clee.)
Case, Mrs. Caroline M., '58.
Case, Sydney E., '58.
Case, Marcia L. C., '58.
(Mrs. Geo. L. G. Sutherland.)
Case, Sarah W., '76.
Case, Mrs. A. P., '93.
Case, Agnes M., '93.
Case, Wm. W., '93.
Casey, Mrs. Delucia F., '93.
Chaffin, Patience B., '48.
Chaffin, George H., '88.
Chamberlin, Mrs. Eliza W., '87.
Chamberlin, Fred. W., '87.
Chamberlin, Erastus H., '93.
Chamberlin, Mrs. Sophia M., '93.
Chamberlin, Albert D., '93.
Chambers, Joseph, '89.
Chambers, Mrs. Ida F., '89.
Chaney, Lucian C., '62.
Chase, John A., '50.
Chatfield, Walter S., '82.
Chatfield, Mrs. Bessie C., '82.
Cheyne, George, '65
Chilson, Ruth M., '74.
(Mrs. C. W. Price.)
Chittick, William R., '90.
Choate, Mrs. Ann, '93.
Christie, Joseph, '45.

Christie, Mrs. Judith, '45.
Chubb, O. P., '56.
Chubb, Mrs. S. E., '56.
Church, Philetus S., '44.
Church, Mrs. Elizabeth D., '44.
Clapp, Samuel, '56.
Clapp, Mrs. Hannah H., '56.
Clark, Edwin M., '55.
Clark, Jennie H., '74.
Clark, Mrs. Lydia M., '56.
Clark, Mary E., '57.
Clark, Mrs. Susan A., '58.
Clark, Lucia F., '74.
(Mrs. Wm. Duncan.)
Clark, Elizabeth, '85.
Clark, Mrs. Eliza D., '63.
Clark, Florence, '67.
(Mrs. W. O. Ashley)
Clark, Marietta L., '64.
Clark, Gardiner K., '65.
Clark, George H., '66.
Clark, James, '67.
Clark, Mrs. Nancy, '67.
Clark, Mrs. Olive J., '69.
Clark, Elizabeth, '70.
Clark, Mrs. Almira E., '73.
Clark, Alice E., '73.
Clark, Maria F., '73.
(Mrs. E. L. Dimock.)
Clark, Mrs. Azuba, '74.
Clark, Franklin E., '74.
Clark, May E., '90.
Clark, Lewis B., '80.
Clark, Mrs. Marion J., '80.
Clark, Mrs. Helen A., '91.
Clarkson, Mrs. Mary A., '82.
Clarkson, Harriet M., '80.
(Mrs Silas Seefred)
Clough, Mrs. Eliza A., '58.
Cobb, E. William, '85.
Cobb, Mrs. Julia C., '80.
Cobb, Mrs. Margaret L., '94.
Cochrane, Sarah A., '66.
Coe, Israel, '45.
Coe, Mrs. Huldah, '45.
Coe, Cornelia, '46.
(Mrs. Israel Holmes.)
Coe, Sarah M., '48.
(Mrs. J. Hibbard.)
Coe, Adelaide E., '48.
Coit, Samuel, '45.
Coit, Mrs. Mary E., '45.
Coit, Mary R., '67.
(Mrs. A. W. Day.)
Colburn, Wm. B., '68.
Colburn, Mrs. Betsey M., '68.
Cole, Alex R., '94.
Colman, Abby, '86.
(Mrs. Fred. Hancock.)
Coleman, Herbert H., '86.
Colwell, Mrs. M. L., '69.
Common, George, '48.
Common, Mrs. Jane, '48.
Conant, John H., '77.
Conant, Mrs. Lucia M., '77.
Concklin, Mrs. Anna, '51.
(Mrs. S. Clements.)
Congdon, Mrs. Emmeline F., '76.
Connor, Leartus, '74.
Connor, Mrs. Anna D., '74.
Cook, William, '44.
Cook, Mrs. Marietta P., '44.
Cook, Celestia A., '55.
(Mrs. Ezra Haskell.)
Cook, Mrs. Ann, '50.
Cook, Mrs. Mary A., '69.
Cook, Celia M., '74.
Cook, James I., '74.
Cook, Elizabeth, '74.
Coolidge, Evelina S., '80.
Cooper, Ellen E., '61.
Cooper, David M., '71.
Cooper, Mrs. Lizzie, '74.
Corey, Mrs. Eliza J., '94.
Corey, Nettie R., '94.
Cotner, Jacob, Jr., '90.
Cotner, Mrs. Etta T., '90.
Cowell, Wm T., '91.
Cowles, Rhoda, '44.
Crafts, Myron H., '58
Craig, Jane E., '57.
Craig, Mrs. Phidelia A., '58.
Craig, Wm. J., '71.
Crane, James G., '44.
Crane, Mrs. Mary A., '44.
Crane, Louisa M., '45.
(Mrs. Praigg.)
Crawford, Henry S., '86.
Crawford, Mrs. Eliza S., '86.

Crawford, E. Chauncey, '88.
Crawford, Henry S., Jr. '91.
Crooks, L. Stearns, '74.
Crooks, Carolina A., '75.
Crosman, Mrs. Lucy, '59.
Crosman, Charles, '51.
Crosman, Martha, '58.
Crosman, Caroline L., '58.
Crosman, Rufus N., '80.
Crowell, E. H., '94.
Crowell, Nina L., '94.
Cumming, Clara, '94.
Curtis, Lewis M., '63.
Curtis, Mrs. Charlotte S., '63.
Curtis, Mrs. Ellen M., '94.
Curtiss, Charles H., '57.
Curtiss, Mrs. Frances E., '74.
Curtiss, Bessie M., '85.
Curtiss, Fanny E., '87.
Curtiss, Mrs Frances A., '90.
Curtiss, Edward C., '80.
Curtiss, Harriet L., '90.
Cushing, Charles S., '47.
Cushing, Mrs. Martha, '47.
Cushing, Lizzie S., '65.
(Mrs. J. F. Henderson.)
Cutter, Charles E., '92.
Cutter, Mrs. Emma M., '92.

Dallas, Margaret M., '89.
(Mrs. J. W. Kelsey.)
Dallas, Jessie A., '89.
Dallas, Katherine L., '93.
Damai, Cornelius, '55.
Damai, Mrs. Sarah, '55.
Daniels, Wm. B., '93.
Davidson, Mrs. Ellen, '58.
Davidson, Wm. J., '92.
Davis, Wm. W., '51.
Davis, Mrs. Nancy, '51.
Davis, Samuel, '55.
Davis, Mrs. Caroline, '55.
Davis, Mrs. Mary, '67.
Davis, Elizabeth, '78.
Davis, D. L., '78.
Davis, Mrs. Margaret E., '78.
Davis, Wm H., '84.
Davis, Mrs. Emma P., '84.
Davis, Robert M., '94.
Davis, John, '86.
Davis, Mrs. Emma F., '86.
Davis, John Folger, '91.
Davis, Emerson, '93.
Davis, Mrs. Eva R., '94
Davis, Llora La V., '87.
Davis, George B., '91.
Davis, Grace M., '94.
De Baptiste, Mrs. Clara L., '94.
Deering, George D., '74.
Deering, Mrs. Emma J., '74.
Despard, Elliott H., '80.
Dickinson, Emma Z., '78.
Dillman, Mrs. Ira, '62.
Dimmick, Mrs. Electa, '51.
Doane, George H., '78.
Doane, Mrs. Violetta M., '78.
Doane, Clara L., '78.
Dolson, Lura, '65.
(Mrs. S. W. Parsons.)
Doolittle, Mrs. Jennie, '80.
Doolittle, Laura F., '77.
(Mrs. G. W. Radford.)
Doolittle, Hattie P., '80.
Donaldson, Agnes, '47.
Donaldson, Robert S., '94.
Donnelly, Thomas, '91.
Donnelly, Mrs. Mary E , '91.
Donnelly, May L., '91.
(Mrs. A. W. Beidler.)
Donnelly, Frederick W., '91.
Donnelly, Lillian G., '91.
Doremus, Mrs. Harriet J., '53.
Doremus, Wm. T., '55.
Dorte, Mary, '47.
Douglass, Mrs. Harriet E., '82.
Douglass, Alice T., '91.
Dow, Marcus A., '93.
Draper, Mrs. Maria L., '51.
Dudley, E. G., '92.
Dudley, Mrs. Mary, '92.
Duncan, Louisa, '59.
Duncan, Mrs. Harriet S., '65.
Duncklee, Wm. S., '50.
Duncklee, Mrs. Lydia L., '50.
Duncklee, Hubbard H., '51.
Duncklee, Mrs. Mary C., '49.

Dungey, Edward, '94.
Dungey, Mrs. Sarah A., '94.
Dungey, Elizabeth, '92.
Durand, Mrs. Emily M., '67.
Durand, Emma C., '67.
Durand, Mary E., '74.
Durand, Mrs. Marion A., '94.
Durand, Florence M., '91.
Durand, Harvey S., '93.
Dwight, Mrs. Phœbe, '49.
Dwight, Miriam, '50
Dyer, Charles E., '77.
Dyer, Mrs. Mary C., '77.

Earl, John H., '75.
Earl, Mrs. Annie, '75.
Eason, Lottie, '80.
Eckliff, Alice B., '94.
Eddy, Zachary, '73.
Eddy, Mrs. Malvina R., '73.
Eddy, Mrs. Frances M., '90.
Eddy, Edith M., '73.
(Mrs. A. B. Lyons.)
Eddy, Mary D , '73.
(Mrs. Leonard Treat.)
Eddy, Alice M., '73.
(Mrs. E. C. Curtiss.)
Eddy, Frank W , '74.
Eddy, Fanny F., '74.
(Mrs. E. E. Brown.)
Eddy, Charles W., '80.
Edgar, William, '85.
Edgar, Mrs. Margaret, '84.
Edson, Mrs. Louisa M., '91.
Edwards, Wm. R., '47.
Edwards, Mary P. L., '58.
(Mrs. G. M. Lane.)
Edwards, Mrs. Elinor, '57.
Edwards, Elizabeth, '58.
Edwards, Catherine, '64.
Edwards, David, '65.
Edwards, Marianne, '65.
Edwards, Wm. G., '70.
Edwards, Mrs. Emmeline, '70.
Edwards, Henry D., '75.
Edwards, Mrs Sarah, '75.
(Mrs. F. R. Aldrich.)
Edwards, Byron H., '94.
Edwards, Mrs. Grace L., '94.
Ellis, Mrs. Claribel, '84.
Ellis, Lulu P. M., '84.
(Mrs. Gillott)
Elmore, Mrs. Almira, '59.
(Mrs. David Fleming)
Empson, E. Raymond, '94.
Ensign, Mrs. Jennie G., '75.
Esterbrook, Mrs. Mary, '73.
Esterbrook, Mary J., '74.
Euvrard, Eugene T., '90.
Everett, Amelia, '49.
Everett, Jane, '49.
Ewing, Samuel, '71.

Farrand, Rhoda C., '50.
(Mrs. Theo. Hunter.)
Farrand, Bethuel C., '57.
Farrand, Mrs. Helen A., '57.
Farrell, Mrs. Catherine H., '59.
Farrell, Thomas, '59.
Farrell, Catherine, '62.
(Mrs. E. A. Urch.)
Ferguson, Sarah, '48.
Ferguson, Eralsey, '92.
Ferguson, Mrs. Nancy, '92
Ferguson, Josephine E., '77.
Ferguson, Fanny L., '80.
(Mrs. H. S. Jenkinson.)
Ferguson, John G., '94.
Ferguson, Mrs. Myra J., '92.
Ferry, Mrs. Fanny B., '66.
Fields, Mrs. E. J., '85.
Fillans, Mrs. Wilhelmina, '74.
Fillans, Mrs. Jane W., '78.
Fisher Mrs. Catherine, '45.
Fisher, Mary, '47.
Fisher, Mrs. Esther, '50.
Fisher, Galen M., '53.
Fisher, Mrs. Susan, '53.
Fisher, Sarah T. E., '76.
Fisher, Mrs. Margaret, '79.
Fisher, Marie L , '82.
Fisk, Henry L., '84.
Fitch, E. D., '52.
Fitch, Mrs. Elizabeth A., '55.
Fitzgerald, Lottie, '74.
Fletcher, Mrs. Margaret, '83.

Fletcher, Lizzie M., '85.
(Mrs. C. I. Farrell)
Fletcher, Florence M., '86.
(Mrs. W. G. L. Cheseborough.)
Florence, Mary A., '62.
Flowers, Mrs., '55.
Folsom, Sarah A., '55.
(Mrs. George L. Field.)
Folsom, Eliza, '74.
Foote, Mrs. Phœbe D., '48.
Ford, Mrs. Lou B., '94.
Ford, Walter, '94.
Foster, Mrs. Mary, '64.
Foster, Mrs. Henrietta, '64.
Fowler, Stephen, '46.
Fox, Charles E., '75.
Fox, Mrs. Emma A., '77.
Fox, Mrs. Jennie W., '91.
Franklin, Wm. Geo., '92.
Franklin, Mrs Jane, '92.
Freeland, Samuel M., '65.
Freeland, Mrs. Elizabeth L., '65.
Freer, Carrie F., '85.
Freligh, Mary E., '75.
Frost, Mahlon S., '48.
Frothingham, Mrs. Lucy E., '93.
Fuller, Amelia, '62.
(Mrs. D. C. Calkins.)
Fuller, John D, '70.
Fuller, Mrs. Eveline, '70.
Fuller, John J., '70.
Fuller, Mrs. Harriet M., '79.

Gardiner, Margaretta M., '45.
Gartner, Mrs. Metta B., '94.
Gaylord, Mrs. Emma A., '80.
Geer, Mrs. Rosetta, '65.
Geiger, Mrs. Rose E., '77.
Geiger, Rose Gertrude, '91.
Geiger, Florence E., '94.
George, Nelson, '49.
George, Mrs. Althea, '51.
George, Archibald, '74.
George, Mrs. Myra L., '90.
George, Ezra, '74.
Giauque, James D., '68.
Giauque, Mrs. Bessie A., '68.
Gibson, Eldridge, '86.
Gibson, Henry S., '92.
Giekie, Walter D., '47.
Gilbert, Mrs. Ann C., '45.
Gilbert, George, '48.
Gilbert, Harriet L., '45.
(Mrs Brainard.)
Gilbert, Marietta, '64.
(Mrs. H. Raymond.)
Gilbert, Edward T., '76.
Gilbert, Mrs Eva H., '76.
Gilbert, Mrs. Minnie J., '76.
Gilmore, George N., '69.
Gilmore, Mrs. Sarah, '69.
Gilmore, Lenora S., '66.
Girmus, Edith, '94.
Girmus, Josephine, '94.
Glass, Mrs. Eugenia M., '80.
Gleason, Mrs. Amelia, '63.
Glynn, George H., '93.
Golding, John A., '85.
Goodrich, James S., '77.
Goodrich, Mrs. Clara I., '77.
Goodwin, Mrs. Amy M., '92.
Goodwin, Mrs. Martha E., '92.
Gore, Mrs. Harriet L., '63.
Gorham, Edwin T., '91.
Gower, Arthur C., '76.
Gower, Mrs. Clara, '76.
Grace, William, '49.
Graham, Eliza A., '62.
(Mrs. Boke.)
Graham, Ziba B., '85
Graham, Mrs. Harrietta P., '85.
Graham, Gertrude M., '85.
Graham, Ziba Kent, '91.
Granger, Hiram, '83.
Granger, Mrs. Eliza A., '83.
Granger, Winifred G., '83.
Grant, Nellie, '79.
(Mrs. F. Raymond, Jr.)
Gray, Emily R., '59.
Gray, Clara M., '89.
Green, Calvin H., '47.
Green, Mrs. Esther E., '47.
Green, James H., '47.
Green, George S., '56.
Green, Mrs. Irene E., '56.
Green, Nelson, '80.
Greene, James W., '92.

Greene, Mrs. Emma R., '92.
Greene, Harlow R., '92.
Greene, Lorena V., '92.
Greene, Ethel P., '94.
Gregg, Mrs. Joanna W., '82.
Griffith, John H., '62.
Griffith, Mrs. Ella M., '67.
Griffith, Jennie L., '93.
Griffiths, John E., '85.
Griffiths, Mrs. Ella G., '85.
Griggs, Stephen, '58.
Griggs, Mrs. Hearty, '74.
Griggs, Mary A., '74.
Griggs, Mrs. Lucy E., '55.
Griggs, Frances E., '65.
Griggs, S. Lavonne, '65.
(Mrs. Thos. Griffith.)
Griggs, Lucy E., '78.
(Mrs. H. Farrington.)
Griswold. Thaddeus, '51.
Griswold, Mrs. Cora C., '85.
Grout, Alice, '77.
(Mrs. H. H. Wood.)
Grout, Mrs. Marion C., '94.
Grout, Herbert W., '94.
Guile, James M., '51.
Guile, Mrs. Ann E., '51.
Gunning, Wm. C., '55.
Gunning, Mrs. Wm. C., '55.

Hackett, Robert J., '70.
Hackett, Robert J., Jr., '78.
Hackett, Charles H., '78.
Hackett, Walter E., '88.
Hale, Mrs. E. J., '50.
Hall, Mrs. Sarah, '52.
Hall, Charles, '52.
Hall, Mrs. Eliza, '52.
Hall, Sarah M., '65.
(Mrs. G. R. Angell.)
Hall, George E., '52.
Hall, Edmund, '58.
Hall, Mrs. Emeline C., '58.
Hall, Mrs. Mary, '85.
Hall, Emma, '76.
(Mrs. Austin.)
Hall, Samuel, '80.
Hall, Edith, '91.
Hamilton, James M., '94.
Hamilton, Mrs. Regina M., '94.
Hamlyn, William, '53.
Hammond, Henry L., '44.
Hammond, Mrs. Mary J., '44.
Hammond, Charles G., '45.
Hammond, Mrs. Charlotte B., '45.
Hammond, Sereno C., '47.
Hammond, Mrs. Rachel J., '47.
Hammond, Isabel T., '65.
Hammond, Sereno P., '65.
Hammond, Ida, '78.
Hanson, Stephen T., '44.
Hanson, Mrs. Mary J., '44.
Hard, Mary V., '77.
(Mrs. A. Waring.)
Hard, Helen L., '77.
Hardiman, Amy, '92.
Harger, Maude, '92.
(Mrs. Chas. Brace.)
Harney, Mrs. Ella T., '92.
Harper, Fred. B., '86.
Harris, Mrs. Eliza P., '50.
Harris, Roswell, '87.
Harris, Charles L., '92.
Harrison, R. W., '81.
Hart, James, '45.
Hart, Sarah, '46.
Harter, Mrs. Catherine F., '55.
Harwood, George W., '74.
Harwood, Mrs. Julia T., '74.
Haskins, Mary G., '85.
Haskins, Wm. B., '94.
Hawes, Mrs. Harriet H., '78.
Hawes, Alfred M., '80.
Hawes, Mrs. Margaret A., '80.
Hawley, Lucy A., '58.
(Mrs. Geo. C. Adams.)
Hawley, Caroline B., '58.
(Mrs. Alfred Howard)
Hawley, John G., '74.
Hawley, Mrs. Mary L, '74.
Hawley, Thomas D., '74.
Hawley, Mrs. Mary B., '74.
Hawley, Eva E., '77.
Hayes, Willis B., '89.
Haywood, J. G., '85.
Hazelton, Hiram R., '92.
Hazelton, Mrs. Adelia, '92.
Hazelton, Arthur D., '92.

Hazelton, Lottie B., '92.
Heaton, John M., '92.
Hebbard, Chas. B., '60.
Hegeman, Adrian G., '74.
Hegeman, Gerard C., '74.
Hempstead, Sarah K., '70.
(Mrs. Alex. Hendry.)
Hempstead, Charles A., '70.
Henderson, Sarah, '48.
(Mrs Hiram Benedict.)
Henderson, John, '59
Henderson, Mrs. Rachel, '59.
Henderson, Clara L., '65.
Henderson, James F., '65.
Henderson, John, '91.
Henderson, Bruce, '93.
Henry, Hugh, '45.
Henry, Mrs. Louisa, '45.
Henry, D. Farrand, '51.
Henry, Wm. G., '69.
Henry, Mrs. Huldana S., '69.
Henry, Aurelia S., '69.
(Mrs. Rev. Frank Russell.)
Henry. Faydelia S., '69.
Henry, Huldana, '72.
Henry, Annie K , '91.
Hepburn, James H., '69.
Hepburn, Mrs. Georgia, '69
Hewitt, Mrs ary A., '76
Hibbard, Isaiah W., 58.
Hibbard, Mrs Irene S., '58
Hibbard, Hannah S., '58.
Hibbard, Irene S., '62.
(Mrs A E. Carrier.)
Hibbard, Augustine G., '79.
Hibbard, John O., '92.
Hibbard, Mrs. Sarah H M., '92.
Hickok, William H., '55.
Higgins, Mrs Mary T., '55.
Hill, Edward B., '85.
Hill, Mrs Ruth D., '91.
Hill, Grace E , '94
Hinds, Agnes, '94
Hinds, Emilie E., '94.
Hinds, Peter A , '94.
Hine, Katherine G., '92.
Hine, Ruby E., '92.
Hinsdale, Edwin C., '60.
Hinsdale, Mrs. Ellen J., '60.
Hinsdale, Genevieve S., '74.
Hinsdale, Mary C., '74.
Hinsdill, Mrs. Charlotte, '60.
Hitchcock, Charles W., '84.
Hitchcock, Mrs. Eunice I., '92.
Hitchcock, Charles J., '94.
Hitchcock, Mrs. Julia N., '94
Hittell, Samuel, '58.
Hittell, Mrs. Amelia, '58.
Hoag, H. P., '45.
Holbrook, Hattie B., '65.
(Mrs E. A. Norris.)
Holden, Mrs. Ida, '87.
Holdsworth, James, '67.
Holdsworth, Mrs. E., '81.
Hole, Mary H., '77.
Hollywood, Mrs. Theodosia, '56.
Holman, Elizabeth F., '50.
(Mrs. J. M. Guile.)
Holman, Sullivan, '56.
Holman, Mrs. Harriet, '56.
Holman, Harriet, '56.
(Mrs. A. J. Weston.)
Holmes, Silas M , '48.
Holmes, Mrs. Eliza, '48.
Holmes, George W., '58.
Holmes, Alice, '58.
(Mrs Hobart.)
Holmes, Mrs. Lydia, '54.
Holmes, Jabesh, '54.
Holmes, Mrs Emmeline W. '58.
Holmes, Alida T., '78.
Holmes, Maria C., '78.
Holmes, George, '80.
Holmes, Ross H., '93.
Holmes, Mrs. Emma S., '74.
Holmes, Dudleigh D., '91.
Holmes, Ross H., Jr., '93
Holmes, Farrand O., '93.
Horne, Mrs. Margaret, '57.
Horner, Louisa, '70.
(Mrs. Donnelly.)
Horner, Mary, '70.
Horner, Absalom, '90.
Horner, Mrs. Mary A., '90.
Horner, Georgetta J., '91.
Horner, Gertrude M., '91.
Hosler, Mabel A., '74.
Hotchkiss, Edward F., '91.
Hotchkiss, Mrs. Martha M., '91.
Housely, George F., '77.

Housely, Mrs. Nellie R., '79.
Howard, Charles, '45.
Howard, Mrs. Lydia, '45.
Howard, Stephen, '47.
Howard, John E , '47.
Howard, Mrs. Catherine A., '48.
Howard, Alfred, '67.
Howard, Fred. R., '92.
Howe, Mrs. Sophia, '69.
Howe, Sarah, '67.
Howe, Mrs. Mina S., '80.
Hoyt, Mrs. Harriet M., '53.
Hoyt, Edwin, Jr., '70.
Hoyt, Mrs. Helen M. K., '70.
Hoyt, Henry C., '76.
Hoyt, Mrs. Susan, '76.
Hoyt, Mrs. Emily, '82.
Hubbell, Mrs. Kate L., '65.
Hubbell, Clarence W., '94.
Hudson, Mrs. Betsey B., '72.
Hudson, Frances C., '72.
Hudson, Jessie, '72.
Hume, Morse L., '94.
Humphrey, Mary E., '77.
(Mrs. H. A. Wales.)
Hunt, Laura J., '77.
Hunter, Theodore, '51.
Hurd, Juan L., '79.
Hurd, Mrs. Jennie A., '79.
Hurd, Mrs. Emily F., '86.
Hurd, Philo R., '86.
Hurd, Mrs Mary A., '86.
Hussey, George O., '85.
Hussey, Mrs. George O., '85.
Hutchins, Mrs. E. R., '87.
Hyde, Francis L., '75.
Hyde, Mrs. Marion E., '86.
Hyde, Mrs. Caroline S., '85.

Ingalls, Mrs. Amelia T., '76.
Ingalls, Florence, '80.
Ingersoll, Mrs. Emily M., '57.
Ives, Mrs. Lydia E., '91.
Ives, Zayde L., '91.

Jackson, Mrs. Frances C,. '74.
Jackson, Charles L., '77.
Jackson, James B., '77.
Jackson, Julia K., '77.
Jackson, Mary M , '80.
(Mrs. Edwin A. Rasch.)
Jacobs, Emma A., '91.
Jacobs, Bertha M., '91.
James, John, '51.
James, Mrs. Keturah C., '51.
James, Adeline E., '77.
Jenkinson, Henry S., '83.
Jenness, John S., '76.
Jenness, Mrs. Lucy M., '76.
Jewell, Thos. B , '75.
Jewell, Mark E., '85.
Jewett, George D., '90.
Jewett, Mrs. Emily, '90.
Johnson, Elizabeth, '60.
Johnston, Mary, '86.
Johnstone, Mrs. Mary E., '80.
Jones, Mary J., '48.
(Mrs. Carter.)
Jones, Edward D., '56.
Jones, Mrs. Mary, '56.
Jones, Mrs. Margaret, '73.
Jones, David, '69.
Jones, Mary E. '80.
(Mrs. H. L. Wilton.)
Jones, Dorothy E., '87.
Jones, Charles S., '55.
Jones, Mrs. Adaline, '56.
Jones, Fanny E., '56.
Jones, Richard, '57.
Jones, Mrs. Mary A., '56.
Jones, Jane, '57.
Jones, Rebecca, '58.
Jones, Mrs. Angeline M., '61.
Jones, Mary J., '68.
(Mrs. J. J. Owen.)
Jones, Edward P., '71.
Jones, Mrs. Lucy W., '73.
Jones, Myra A., '73.
(Mrs. W. A. Nye)
Jones, Delia S., '74.
(Mrs. F. L. Koplin.)
Jones, James M., '74.
Jones, David C., '74.
Jones, Thomas, '77.
Jones, Mrs. Avarino E., '77.
Jones, Albert D., '80.
Jones, Lillian C., '94.

Kanady, Wm. S., '64.
Kanady, Mrs. Calista M., '64.
Kanady, Harriet B., '65.
Kanady, Sarah C., '65.
Keller, Charles, '72.
Kelley, George B., '62.
Kelley, Mrs. Amelia F., '62.
Kellogg, Emily C., '61.
(Mrs. Starr.)
Kelly, Mrs. Lucy A., '85.
Kelly, Alice I., '85.
Kelsey, Frederick E., '76.
Kendall, Eben W., '71.
Kendall, Mrs. Kitty, '71.
(Mrs. Bartlett.)
Kendrick, H. L., '82.
Kendrick, Mrs. Minnie, '82.
Kennedy, Mrs. Mary E., '91.
Kent, Adeline S., '84.
(Mrs. Wm. R. Chittick.)
Kerr, Mrs. Martha E. H., '74.
Kerr, Mrs. Polly, '56.
Ketcham, Mrs. Ellen F., '91.
Keys, Lizzie, '74.
Keys, Mary, '74.
Kimball, Mary J., '46.
(Mrs. Palmer.)
King, Robert W., '47.
King, Mrs. Elizabeth B., '47.
King, C. Frances, '65.
(Mrs. C. A. Kent.)
King, Louis Buhl, '70.
King, Mrs. Jennie C., '93.
King, Elizabeth J., '80.
(Mrs. W. J. Milward.)
King, Beriah, '55.
King, Mrs. Mary A., '55.
King, George D., '92.
King, Mrs. Mary D., '92.
King, Edmund L. P., '92.
King, Emlitta, '92.
King, Anson, '94.
Kingsbury, Mrs. C. A., '70.
Kinney, Mrs. Euretta A., '62.
Kiskadden, Harry S., '89.
Kiskadden, Mrs. Sadie J., '89.
Kitchel, Harvey D., '49.
Kitchel, Mrs. Anna S., '49.
Kitchel, Mrs. Harriet T., '77.
Kitchel, Cornelius, '57.
Kitchel, Courtney S., '62.
Knapp, Avery, '65.
Kniblo, Clara, '58.
(Mrs. Foster.)
Knight, Ella J., '55.
Knight, Stephen H., '90.
Knight, Mrs. Elizabeth R., '91.
Knowlton, Mrs. Mary L., '94.

Lacey, Mrs. Olive B., '74.
Laible, Mary L., '69.
Laidlaw, Mrs. Almena E., '94.
Laidlaw, Lena L., '94.
Laing, Edward S., '45.
Lane, Minot T., '49.
Lane, Mrs. Ruth F., '49.
Lane, Mrs. Abbie M., '70.
Lane, George M., '49.
Lane, Florence E., '74.
(Mrs. J. A. Dresser.)
Lane, Mary L., '78.
(Mrs. R. J. Young.)
Lane, Ruth Winifred, '78.
Lane, George E., '87.
Lane, Jessie B., '89.
Lane, Adeline, '69.
Langstaff, Ida M., '85.
(Mrs. S. E. Jones.)
Lapham, Noah D., '65.
Lapham, Mrs. Maria A., '56.
Latham, Everett B., '91.
Lathrop, Solomon, Jr., '50.
Lathrop, Wm. H., '69.
Lawrence, Mrs. Mary A., '63.
Lawrence, Gertrude M., '65.
(Mrs. F. Raymond, Jr.)
Lawson, Charles F., '91.
Lawson, George E., 91.
Lawson, Mrs. Kate C., 91.
Leach, Mary F., '90.
Leadbetter, Mrs. Sarah, '93.
Leavenworth, Frank H., '92.
Leavenworth, Mrs. Ida L., '92.
Leavitt, Louise, '93.
Lee, Henry H , '55.
Lee, Mrs. Henry H., '55.
Lee, Philip A., '74.
Lee, Mrs. Amelia, '74.
Lee, Emma A., '77.

LEGG, EVA B., '79.
(Mrs. Webster.)
LEGGETT, EDWIN, '87.
LEGGETT, MRS. EMMA E., '87.
LEIDY, MRS. EMMA B., '88.
LEMCKE, MRS. SEVILLA, '50.
(Mrs. Peter Klein.)
LEONARD, JOHN J., '52.
LERCHEN, CHARLES, '75.
LERCHEN, EMILY, '76.
(Mrs. D. Schneider.)
LERCHEN, EDWARD H., '75
LERCHEN, MRS. MELISSA, '86.
LERCHEN, EDWARD H., JR., '90.
LERCHEN, WM. G., '90.
LE ROY, FRANCES A., '92.
LEWIS, LEWIS R., '70.
LEWIS, MRS. FANNY J., '80.
LIGGETT, JAMES D., '78.
LIGGETT, MRS. JEANNETTE N., '78.
LIGGETT, ELLA M., '78.
LIGGETT, FRANCES, '78.
(Mrs. H. B. Wey.)
LIGGETT, JEANNETTE C., '78.
LILLIBRIDGE, MINERVA, '58.
(Mrs. R. G. Crothers.)
LILLIBRIDGE, MRS. RUBY E., '94.
LILLIBRIDGE, RUBY B., '94.
LIMBRIGHT, MAGGIE, '74.
LINZEE, MRS. PHILOMEL S., '75.
LITTLE, ANN, '48.
LODGE, ALBERT, '87.
LODGE, MRS. LOUISA, '80.
LODGE, EDNA F., '94.
LONG, CHARLES F., '74.
LONG, MRS. MARTHA M., '74.
LONG, FANNY J., '86.
(Mrs. D. L. Robbins.)
LOOSE, JOHN F., '59.
LOWE, EUGENE S., '65.
LOW, LUCY, '48.
(Mrs. Shaw.)
LUCE, THEO. M., '85.
LUCE, MRS. MARY, '85.
LUDDEN, SILAS, '45.
LYLE, MRS. SUSAN, '65.
LYMAN, THEO. P., '84.
LYON, WM. F., '93.
LYON, MRS. EMILY J., '93.
LYON, LORENA S., '93.
LYON, JAY E., '94.
LYON, JUDSON W., '93.
LYON, CARROLL C., '94.
LYON, MRS. CLARA G., '94.
LYONS, ALBERT B., '70.

MCALLISTER, WM., '76.
MCBAIN, WM., '65.
MCCOY, MRS. FRANCES A., '78.
MCCOY, ALMIRA, '78.
(Mrs. J. B. Jackson.)
MCCRAE, JOHN, '48.
MCCRAE, MRS. ELIZABETH, '49.
MCDONALD, CHAS. S., '79.
MCDOWELL, MRS. SARAH A., '44.
MCEWAN, JAMES, '70.
MCEWAN, MRS. ELIZABETH G., '70.
MCEWAN, DAVID, '78.
MCEWAN, HELEN, '88.
MCEWAN, JESSIE, '88.
(Mrs. Stafford.)
MCGRATH, MRS. LILLIE W., '92.
MCGRATH, JESSIE A., '92.
MCGRATH, GRACE C., '92.
MCGREGOR, MRS. JANE B., '77.
MCGREGOR, JENNIE, '77.
MCGREGOR, MAGGIE, '77.
(Mrs. Clark.)
MCGREGOR, MRS. LOUISA T., '91.
MCGREGOR, MRS. ELIZABETH, '94.
MCGREGOR, MURRAY, '94.
MCGREGOR, RUTH E., '94.
MCGREGOR, TRACY W., '94.
MCGUIRE, MARGARET, '58.
MCKAY, JAMES A., '69.
MCKAY, MRS. CHARLOTTE H., '69
MCKAY, CHAS. S., '78.
MCKAY, SARAH E., '80.
MCKAY, MRS. MARGARET, '91.
MCKELLAR, JAMES B., '91.
MCKELLAR, MRS. FLORA, '91.
MCKELLAR, MADGE M., '91.
MCKENNEY, ALLEN W., '94.
MCKENNEY, EDITH A., '93.
MCKIBBIN, ELIZA J., '47.
(Mrs. J. A. Roys.)
MCLANE, ISABELLA, '48.
MCLAULIN, JOHN D., '75.
MCLEAN, JAMES, '49.

McLeod, Ann, '47.
McManman, Elizabeth S., '58.
McMath, Frank, '82.
McPherson, Eliza, '51.
McPherson, Pauline, '91.
Mac Kenzie, D., '61.
Mac Kenzie, Mrs. D., '61.
Maddock, Jabez, '45.
Madison, Abigail, '54,
Main, George A., '93.
Mallory, May C., '86.
Mallory, Grace E., '86.
Manton, Walter P., '91.
Manton, Mrs. Cora W., '91.
Manton, Walter W., '93.
Marcy Lorenzo J., '59.
Margah, Mrs. Frances C., '94.
Markham, Mrs. Amanda, '74.
Marsh, Henry D., '81.
Marshall, Adam, '51.
Marshall, Mrs. Margaret, '51.
Marshall, Rachel G , '55.
Martin, Henry, '50.
Marvin, Mrs. Eliza R. T , '90.
Marvin, Frederic, '74.
Mather, Mrs. Lucy P., '46.
Mather, Delia, '62.
(Mrs. Edwin Jerome.)
Matthews, Mrs. Mary, '80.
Mattison, John, '48.
May, John, '51.
Maynard, Ellen J., '66.
Maynard, Wm., '66.
Meacham, Mrs. Mary F., '84.
Mead, Samuel P., '53.
Mead, Mrs. Elizabeth, '53.
Mellus, Christian, '51.
Mellus, Mrs. Cecelia, '51.
Merrill, Mrs. Louisa J., '77.
Merrill, Minnie, '77.
Messinger, Mrs. Mary A., '55.
Messinger, Mary Jane, '58.
Messinger, Hiram F., '58.
Messinger, Mrs. Malvina G., '58.
Messinger, Harriet J., '62.
(Mrs. J. E. Scripps.)
Messinger, Martha E., '62.
(Mrs. S. T. Kanady.)
Millard, George, '53.
Miller, Mrs. Frances, '49.
Miller, Elizabeth A., '62.
Miller, Maggie E., '65.
Miller, Mrs. Deborah, '70.
Miller, Martha L., '70.
Miller, Helen M., '78.
Miller, Alice, '80.
Miller, Mrs. Sarah E., '89.
Miller, Ella L., '94.
Milligan, Frank, '74.
Milligan, Mrs. Ada J., '74.
Miner, Mary L., '91.
Mitchell, Mary, '48.
Mitchell, Wm., '86.
Mitchell, Mrs. Annie, '86.
Mitchell, Annie, '86.
Mitchell, Frank, '86.
Mitchell, Kate, '86.
Mitchell, Wm. Jr., '86.
Mitchell, Richard, '88.
Mitchell, Robert, '88.
Mitchell, Reuben, '93.
Mitchell, Mrs. Lois, '93.
Moir, Mrs. Mary, '64.
Moir, Jennie M., '65.
Monds, Mrs. Hetty, '53.
Montgomery, Emma V., '68.
Moore, Ida A , '65.
(Mrs. Arthur A. Nall.)
Moore, Frank, '73.
Moore, Mrs. Emily S., '73.
Moore, Charles W., '91.
Moore, Mrs. Lucy A., '91.
Morris, George, '54.
Morris, Mrs. Amelia, '52.
Morse, E. Corey, '51.
Morse, Perley Jr., '55.
Morse, Jerusha A., '56.
Morse, Eliza A., '56.
Morse, Mary L., '56.
Morse, Mary W., '68.
(Mrs Van Valkenburgh.)
Morton, Robert, '85.
Morton, Robert M., '86.
Morton, Mrs. Mary B., '94.
Morton, Henry W., '92.
Moss, Anna, '94.
Moss, Florence, '94.
Motherwell, Isabella, '48.

Mott, Mrs. Joanna F., '58.
Mott, Maria F., '58.
Mowrey, Christian, '67.
Moyer, Mrs. Mattie A., '82.
Moyer, Arthur W., '94.
Muldon, Mrs. Elizabeth S. '91.
Munger, Alonzo T., '65.
Munger, Mrs. Adaline, '65.
Munger, Simeon, '65.
Munger, Ellen J., '65.

Munro, Alice L., '94.
Munro, Mary F., '94
Munroe, Mrs. Huldah A , '51.
Murphy, Thomas, '68.
Murphy, Mrs. Maria T., '68.
Murphy, Wm. H., '94.
Murphy, Mrs. Laura H., '90.
Murray, Mrs. Frances C., '51.
Murray, John D., '94.
Muzzy, Mrs. Grace E., '91.

Nall, Henry, '48.
Nall, James, '48.
Nall, Mrs. Frances, '53.
Nall, Mrs. Isabella F., '63.
Nall, Mary W., '93.
Nall, Edwin B., '93.
Nall, Louis A., '93.
Nall, Charles J., '57.
Nall, Mrs. Matilda L., '65.
Nall, Arthur A., '62.
Nall, Wm. A., '94.
Nash, Mrs. Deborah, '53
Newhall, Mrs. Eliza, '56.
Newhall, Lillie E., '82.
Nichols, Clorinda B., '68.
Niles, Martha, '54.

Niles, Mrs. Jane A., '66.
Niles, Charles, '66.
Noble, Daniel, '51.
Noble, Mrs. Julia B., '51.
Noble, William, '55.
Noble, Margaretta, '57.
Noble, Martha E., '85.
(Mrs. W. H. Wetherbee.)
Noble, Mary C , '89.
(Mrs. F. H. Bell.)
Noble, J. A. Wm., '94.
Noble, Mrs. Margaret C., '94.
Norris, Philetus W., '70.
Norris, Mrs. Jane K., '70.
Norris, Edward A., '70.
Norton, Charles H., '91.
Noyes, Seraphina E., '87.

Oakley, Mrs. Louisa M., '76.
Oakley, Edwin C., '76.
Oakley, Ralph W., '77.
O'Callaghan, Olivia G., '52.
Ogilvie, David, '81.
Ogilvie, Mrs. Fanny E., '93.
Oldfield, James C., '73.
Oldfield, Mrs. Ann L., '76.
Olewine, Mrs. Ellen, '77.
Orlando, James, '93.
Orlando, Mrs. Mary A., '93.

Orr, Samuel K., '57.
Osborn, Sarah E., '48.
Otis, Mary, '57.
Oven, George, '50.
Oven, John, '50.
Owen, John J., '75.
Oxnard, John E., '62.
Oxnard, Mrs. Maria H. P., '65.
Oxnard, Mrs. Elizabeth G., '93.
Oxnard, Florence S., '93.
Oxnard, Mabel, '93.

Palmer, Calvin D., '58.
Palmer, Ervin, '58.
Palmer, Mrs. Emma L., '63.
Park, Mrs. Sarah, '51.
Parker, Delia A., '58.
Parker, Edwin, '67.
Parker, Abiram, '74.

Parker, Mrs. Sarah E., '74.
Parker, Grace E., '74.
(Mrs Frank W. Fletcher.)
Parkinson, Mrs. Elizabeth, '86.
Parrish, Lee, '52.
Parrish, Mrs. Hannah I., '52.
Parshall, Cornelia, '46.

Parsons, Philo, '45.
Parsons, Mrs. Ann E., '45.
Parsons, Julia N., '88.
(Mrs. W. E. Boynton.)
Parsons, Mrs. Carrie L. B., '93.
Partridge, Timothy L., '48.
Patchin, Squire W., '51.
Patchin, Mrs. Abby B., '51.
Patchin, Mrs. Adelaide J., '75.
Patterson, Mrs. Theresa, '94.
Payne, Douglas, '49.
Pearl, Harriet L., '65.
(Mrs. Ashley Pond.)
Peart, Elizabeth, '55.
Pease, Thomas H., '65.
Peck, Albert M., '88.
Peck, Mrs. Mattie, '88.
Pendleton, Edward W., '76.
Penfield, David O., '56.
Penfield, Mrs. Sarah, '56.
Penfield, Cornelia J., 65.
(Mrs. L. N. Clark.)
Penfield, Sarah E., '66.
Perkins, Asa A., '51.
Perkins, Mrs. Sarah A., '54.
Perkins, William, '73.
Perkins, Frank F., '88.
Perkins, Mrs. Lucy F., '88.
Perrin, Hiram M., '55.
Perrin, Mrs. Evelina, '55.
Perrin, Abiel, '76.
Perry, Emmet A., '73.
Perry, Mrs. Maria L., '74.
Perry, Jennie E., '80.
(Mrs. Edsel Ruddiman.)
Perry, Edith M., '94.
Perry, Charles A., '90.
Petty, Wm. H., '76.
Phelps, Florence A., '83.
(Mrs. Bailey.)
Phelps, Mrs. Mary C., '85.
Phillips, E. D., '62.
Pierce, Albert D., '57.
Pierce, Mrs. Caroline B., '65.
Piggott, James, '89.
Pixley, John H., '75.
Pixley, Mrs. Ruby R., '75.
Plimley, Mrs. Jane, '92.
Plimley, Jane E., '71.
Plimley, John F., '80.
Plimley, Ida, '78.
(Mrs. Lloyd.)
Plimley, Carrie E., '91.
(Mrs. W. H. Travers.)
Pohlman, Charles, '94.
Porter, Mrs. Eliza G., '53.
Porter, Frederic B., '73.
Porter, Mrs. Helen C., '63.
Potter, Edward K., '91.
Potter, Mrs. Sarah G., '91.
Powell, A. C., '45.
Powell, Celestia A., '55.
Preston, Mrs. Julia E., '58.
Preston, Mrs. Frances F., '71.
Pritchard, Walter, '55.
Pritchard, Timothy, '56.
Prittie, Mrs. Lucia M., '81.
Prouty, Mrs. Catherine, '59.
Prouty, William, '65.
Purdy, William, '47.
Purdy, Robert, '51.
Purdy, Mrs. Hannah, '51.
Purdy, Harriet A., '51.
(Mrs. Probasco.)
Purdy, Mary, '51.
(Mrs. Thos. Anderson.)
Purdy, Mrs. Mary, '67.
Purdy, Joseph W., '67.
Purdy, Ella J., '68.
(Mrs. Robt. Parsons.)

Radford, George W., '76.
Rand, Clara C., '74.
Randall, Freeman R., '65.
Randolph, Jane, '55.
(Mrs. S. A. Passavant.)
Randolph, Merritt, '57.
Randolph, Mrs. Emily, '65.
Rankin, Aggie C., '94.
Raymond, Francis, '44.
Raymond, Mrs. Ruth, '44.
Raymond, Ella W., '70.
(Mrs. F. Woolfenden.)
Raymond, Anna K., '77.
Raymond, Harriet E., '77.
Raymond, James M., '47.
Raymond, Mrs. Charlotte, '48.
Read, Elizabeth A., '47.
(Mrs. Allen.)
Redfield, Alex. H., '49.
Rees, Mrs. Anna B., '92.

Reichrath, Joseph A., '87.
Reichrath, Mrs. Anna, '87.
Reid, Neil E., '92.
Reiff, Mrs. Clara G., '91.
Reiff, Florence C., '91.
Rennie, Mrs. F. J., '70.
Rice, Mary, '47.
Rice, Mrs. Betsey W., '52.
Rice, Mrs. Mary, '52.
Rice, Mary, '52.
(Mrs. Henry Whiting.)
Rice, Anna, '52.
(Mrs. G. W. Barnard.)
Rice, Harriet, '52.
(Mrs. C. F. Moore.)
Rice, Frederick S., '88.
Rice, Mrs. Angevine M., '90.
Richards, James E., '83.
Richards, Mrs. Wilhelmina M., '83.
Richardson, David M., '57.
Richardson, Mrs. Ellen L., '57.
Richardson, Laura, '68.
Richardson, Levi, '61.
Richardson, Mrs. Jane B., '61.
Richardson, Adela, '93.
Richardson, Frances, '93.
Riddle, Mrs. Mary D., '74.
Riddle, Florence L., '74.
Riddle, Rose B., '74.
Rider, George W., '86.
Rider, Grace M., '86.
Rider, Edith J., '86.
(Mrs. Scott.)
Rider, Mabel A., '86.
Riopelle, Mrs. Martha J., '77.
Riopelle, Theresa A., '76.
(Mrs. Williams.)
Roberts, Ann, '65.
Roberts, Sarah, '75.
Robertson, Ellen, '58.
(Mrs. Clark.)
Robertson, James, '56.
Robertson, Mrs. Janet, '56.
Robertson, Margaret, '66.
(Mrs. Milton Williams.)
Robertson, Isabella, '73.
(Mrs. Whyte.)
Robertson, Jeannette R., '81.
(Mrs. White.)
Robinson, John, '58.
Robinson, Mrs. Ann E., '58.
Robinson, Martha, '61.
(Mrs. E. M. Jones.)
Robinson, Ruth, '62.
(Mrs. B. B. Allen.)
Robinson, Martha, '78.
Robinson, Mary E., '78.
Robinson, Mrs. Eliza, '82.
Robinson, Ida, '74.
(Mrs. E. H. Bronson.)
Robinson, Belle, '77.
(Mrs. F. B. Harper.)
Robinson, Mary E., '91.
Robinson, Mrs. Mary C., '89.
Robinson, J. M., '87.
Robinson, Mrs. Laura S., '87.
Robinson, Edith L., '87.
Robinson, Edward L., '87.
Robison, Mrs. Martha, '56.
Robison, Mrs. Mary, '56.
Robson, Mrs. Caroline W., '91.
Rockwell, Frances J., '74.
Roe, Emma A., '93.
Rogers, Fordyce H., '94.
Rohrabacker, Mrs. Philena, '93.
Rohrabacker, Edith M., '93.
Rolefson, Mrs. Sarah, '53.
Rolefson, Anna, '53.
Rolefson, Mary, '53.
Rose, Melissa, '65.
Roys, Elizabeth, '70.
Roys, Ella Grace, '80.
Roys, Leila M., '85.
(Mrs. A. D. Miller.)
Roys, Sherman A., '85.
Rudd, Charles W., '91.
Rudd, Mrs. Emma T., '91.
Russell, Mrs. Emily J., '59.
Russell, Wm. H., '77.
Russell, Mrs. Jane A., '77.
Russell, Sarah J., '77.

Sabin, Orrin T., '58.
Sabine, Alfred, '54.
Sabine, Mrs. Martha, '54.
Sabine, Mrs. Susan, '65.
Sabine, Mary A., '65.
Sabine, Susan, '64.
Sackett, Sophronia, '45.
(Mrs. Allen.)

Safford, Charles L., '59.
Safford, Mrs. Mary, '59.
Safford, Lucretia, '65.
Safford, Samuel L , '72.
Sandford, Thomas, '52.
Sandford, Mrs. Mary, '52.
Sanderson, John P., '91.
Sanderson, Mrs. Alice G., '91.
Sanderson, E. Dwight, '91.
Sawyer, Ellen, '63.
Sawyer, Winthrop G., '74.
Sawyer, Mrs. Louisa, '76.
Sayles, Mrs. L. S., '81.
Schettler, Fred. W., '92.
Schoenbach, Grace M., '94.
Scidmore, Mrs. Sarah M., '94.
Scott, Mrs. Lydia, '58.
Scott, Wm. H., '74.
Scott, Mrs. Sarah E., '74.
Scott, Joseph A., '92.
Scripps, Jas. E., '60.
Scurr, Wm. K., '91.
Scurr, Mrs. Elizabeth J., '91.
Sealey, Minnie J., '78.
Seelye, Mrs. Laura T., '94.
Selden, Joseph G., '56.
Selden, Mrs. Laura A., '56.
Sewall, Elizabeth C., '89.
Seymour, George G., '53.
Seymour, Francis H., '65.
Seymour, Arba M., '94.
Seymour, Mrs. Dennie S., '94.
Shaw, Mrs. Elizabeth T., '48.
Shaw, David R., '74.
Shaw, Mrs. Harriet D., '74.
Shaw, Carrie A., '74.
(Mrs. G. F. Comstock.)
Shaw, Mary D., '74.
(Mrs. Lester McLean.)
Shaw, James T., '74.
Shaw, Bessie H., '88.
Sheaver, Lavinia, '65.
Sheldon, B. M., '51.
Sheldon, Mrs. Electa M., '51.
(Mrs. John Stewart.)
Sheldon, Mrs. Henrietta C., '68.
Shephard, Mrs. Helen N., '62.
Shephard, Ellen A., '69.
Shephard, Ezra, '77.
Shephard, Mrs. Henrietta, '77.
Shourds, Phœbe, '58.
(Mrs. Frank D. Taylor.)
Showerman, Mrs. Eliza A., '74.
Silsbee, Charles E., '57.
Silsbee, Mrs. Mary E., '57.
Silsbee, Caroline E., '58.
(Mrs. W. P. Horton.)
Silsbee, Sarah C., '58.
Silsbee, James D., '65.
Simpson, Mrs. Mary A., '48.
Sirard, Louis, '56.
Sirard, Mrs. Mary, '56.
Sisson, Mary E., '93.
Skellenger, Frank C., '89.
Skellenger, Nellie V., '89.
Skinner, Lewis M., '79.
Skinner, Mrs. Clara S., '79.
Slade, Mrs. Jeannette, '93.
Smith, Ralph C., '47.
Smith, Mrs. Jane, '47.
Smith, Emma, '65.
(Mrs. Geo. H. Moore.)
Smith, Ralph C., '78.
Smith, Florine T., '80.
(Mrs. E. W. Stoddard.)
Smith, Abigail J., '85.
Smith, Esther A., '51.
Smith, Phila J., '51.
Smith, Oliver B., '53.
Smith, Mrs. Mary E., '53.
Smith, Mrs. H. C., '58.
Smith, Wm. L., '77.
Smith, Mrs. Anna M., '77.
Smith, Ella M., '77.
(Mrs. J. H. Avery.)
Smith, Mary, '85.
Smith, Virginia F., '89.
Smith, Jessie C., '91.
Smith, Forest W., '94.
Snedicor, Harry T., '94.
Snedicor, Mrs. Lillian L., '94.
Snell, Clifford A., '90.
Snyder, Rebecca, '75.
Snyder, Wm. E., '88.
Southgate, Robert S , '94.
Southgate, Mrs. Caroline A., '94.
Spark, Joseph E., '75.
Sparks, Mrs. Ella J., '76.
Spaulding, Martha L., '80.

Spaulding, Ida, '80.
Sprague, Mary E., '50.
Standart, Mrs. Mary M., '61.
Standish, Susan, '58.
Starling, Adolph F., '71.
Starling, Mrs. Caroline, '71.
Stearns, Frederick A., '70.
Stebbins, Noadiah D., '45.
Stebbins, Mrs. Emily, '45.
Stebbins, Dwight, '51.
Stebbins, Edward, '51.
Stebbins, Theodore, '51.
Stebbins, Abram L., '85.
Stebbins, Mrs. Adeline E., '85.
Stebbins, Adele A., '80.
(Mrs. W. C. Wilson.)
Steevens, Sears, '46.
Stephens, Mrs. Anna, '48.
(Mrs. White.)
Stephens, Mrs. Fanny, '89.
Stetson, Turner, '56.
Stetson, Mrs. Sarah, '56.
Stevens, Amos 2nd, '46.
Stevens, Mrs. Margaret, '50.
Stevens, Oren, '48.
Stevens, William F., '48.
Stevens, Mrs. Betsey, '62.
Stevens, Charles T., '77.
Stevens, Mrs. Caroline, '77.
Stevens, Amos F., '80.
Stevens, Mrs. Mary P., '88.
Stevenson, George E., 65.
Stewart, Sarah, '58.
Stewart, Ethleen M., '94.
Stocking, William H., '68.
Stoddard, Olivia, '49.
Stoddard, Elliot J., '86.
Stoddard, Mrs. Nella, '90.
Stoepel, Frederick C., '77.
Stoepel, Mrs. Anna R., '83.
Stoepel, William C., '80.
Stokey, Charles F., '74.
Stoll, Carl C., '93.
Stoll, Otto Albert, '93.
Stone, Mrs. Margaret C., '80.
Stone, William H., '91.
Storey, H. G., '52.
Storey, Mrs. E. L., '52.
Strong, William H., '78.
Strong, Mrs. Florence J., '78.
Strong, Mrs. Katherine M., '89.
Stroud, Mary A., '45.
(Mrs. H. Warren.)
Strudley, Walter J., '93.
Sumner, Frederick M., '48.
Sumner, Mrs. Elizabeth E., '48.
Sumner, William P., '91.
Sumner, Mrs. Mercia M., '91.
Sumner, Dora M., '91.
Sumner, John Robert W., '91.
Sumner, William W., '91.
Sunbury, Herman B., '48.
Sunbury, Mrs. Herman B., '48.
Swift, Frederick W., '48.
Swift, Mrs. Mary A. B., '56.
Swift, Mrs. Ella B., '89.
Swift, Anna K., '74.
(Mrs. A. J. Burt.)
Swift, Louise B., '82.
Swift, Caroline B., '85.
Swift, May R., '89.
Swift, Bradford H., '89.
Swift, Stanley H., '94.
Swift, Henry F., '69.
Swift, Mrs. Angelina B., '69.

Tait, Elizabeth, '47.
(Mrs. Douglas Payne.)
Tarbell, John G., '79.
Tarbell, Mrs. Lydia B., '55.
Tarbell, Mrs. Frances J., '58.
Tarbell, Bessie M., '80.
(Mrs. Edw. Todd.)
Tarbell, Fanny A., '74.
(Mrs. Geo. E. Avery.)
Tate, Mrs. Mary, '51.
Taylor, Nathaniel T., '48.
Taylor, Mrs. Laura N., '48.
Taylor, Sarah E., '48.
(Mrs. Edmund Andrews.)
Taylor, Frances M., '48.
(Mrs. Edmund Andrews.)
Taylor, Frank D., '58.
Taylor, N. Terry, '65.
Taylor, Florence, '77.
(Mrs. F. W. Eddy.)
Taylor, Addison G., '88.
Taylor, William G., '88.

Taylor, Charles R., '89.
Taylor, Mrs. Minetta E., '93.
Templeton, Jennie, '85.
Templeton, Kate, '85.
Ten Eyck, John, '51.
Ten Eyck, Mrs. Elizabeth, '51.
Thomas, Eleanor, '51.
Thomas, George R., '74.
Thomas, Mrs. Caroline C., '74.
Thompson, Elizabeth, '48.
Thompson, Oren C., '51.
Thompson, Mrs. Alice, '51.
Thompson, Alice, '55.
(Mrs. Aloys Bilz.)
Thompson, Oren C., Jr., '62.
Thompson, Mrs. Laura C., '52.
Thompson, Mrs. Zoraida A., '91.
Tibbitts, Helen, '48.
(Mrs. Foster.)
Tibbitts, Mary E., '79.
(Mrs. A. L. Dutton.)
Tillman, Mrs. Mary, '48.
Tillotson, Mrs. Isabella, '93.
Todd, James, '55.
Todd, Mrs. James, '88.
Todd, Fred J., '94.
Todd, Mrs. Emma W., '89.
Tompkins, Wm. R., '86.
Tompkins, Mrs. Mary E., '86.
Tompkins, Blanche E., '91.
Town, Reuben, '46.
Town, Mrs. Mary H., '46.
Torrence, James, '65.
Town, Samantha A., '47.
Townsend, Mrs. Melissa P., '82.
Tracy, Mrs Alice H. D., '91.
Tracy, Wm. W., '91.
Tracy, Harry W., '91.
Tracy, John E. W., '91.
Tracy, Katherine S., '91.
Tracy, Stephen W., '91.
Tracy, Wm. W., Jr., '92.
Travers, Wm H., '92.
Trembly, Elizabeth C., '92.
Trowbridge, Luther S., '57.
Trowbridge, Harriet A., '59.
Trowbridge, Mrs. Mary, '93.
Trumbull, Edward A., '77.
Tucker, George, '58.
Tuthill, Mrs. Susan W., '82.
(Mrs. James Robb.)
Tuttle, Mrs. Nancy, '47.
Tuttle, Helen, '74.
(Mrs. Adam Simpson.)
Tuttle, Louisa, '74.
Tyler, Elisha, '44.
Tyler, Mrs. Mary G., '44.
Tyler, Rowland G., '46.
Tyler, Olive, '48.
(Mrs. Albert Miller.)
Tyler, Charles C., '48.
Tyler, Mrs. Elizabeth C., '59.
Tyler, Moses Coit, '48.
Tyler, Susanna, '48.
Tyler, Edward S., '55.

Utley, Mrs. Kate, '65.
Utley, Mrs. Emma J., '93.
Utley, Stuart Wells, '93.

Vandenbergh, Ora H., '93.
Vandermeer, Abraham J., '65.
Vandermeer, Mrs. Martha L., '65.
Van Dusen, Charles, '90.
Van Houten, Mrs. Harriet R., '59.
(Mrs. Davis.)
Van Riper, John C., '94.
Van Riper, Mrs. Catherine N., '94.
Van Riper, La Motte, '93.
Van Riper, Arthur H., '93.
Van Tassell, Fanny, '48.
Van Tine, Mrs. Almira, '66.
Van Valen, Mary, '45.
Van Valen, Sarah, '45.
Van Zile, Philip T., '92.
Van Zile, Mrs. Lizzie A., '92.
Varney, Freeman N., '91.
Varney, Mrs. Mary L., '91.
Varney, Almon C., '94.
Varney, Mrs. Lizzie C., '94.
Varney, Eva T., '94.
Varney, A. Chester, '94.
Varney, Henry R., '94.
Verney, Wm. J., '76.
Vreeland, Mary L., '87.
Voorheis, Jacob E., '45.
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ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.

AT a meeting of persons interested in the formation of a Congregational Church, in the City of Detroit, held at the City Hall on the 8th inst., the Rev. H. L. Hammond was appointed chairman, and Samuel Coit secretary.

On motion *voted*, That a committee of five be appointed to draw up and arrange a Confession of Faith, a Covenant and Rules of Practice, to be presented for the acceptance of the meeting.

The following gentlemen were then appointed said committee: S. S. Barnard. C. G. Hammond, Israel Coe, Wm. Cook, James G. Crane.

The meeting then adjourned to convene at the call of the committee.

At an adjourned meeting, held on the same day, the committee presented a report which was unanimously adopted.

The committee were then instructed to convene an ecclesiastical council on Wednesday, the 25th of December, inst., to take into consideration the propriety of organizing a Congregational Church in this city.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

DETROIT, 8th Dec., 1844. (Attest) SAMUEL COIT,
Secretary.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY.

THIS CERTIFIES that at a meeting of the qualified voters of the congregation worshiping under the ministration of the Rev. Mr. Hammond in the City of Detroit, held pursuant to public notice given under the Revised Statutes, part first, title tenth, chapter one, for the election of Trustees of a Religious Society, we, the undersigned, Israel Coe and James G. Crane, were appointed to preside and receive the votes.

We further certify that C. G. Hammond, Francis Raymond, Israel Coe, Elisha Tyler and Lyman Baldwin were duly elected Trustees of "The First Congregational Society of Detroit," and that on casting lots Elisha Tyler and Lyman Baldwin were declared elected for one year, Francis Raymond and Israel Coe were declared elected for two years, and Charles G. Hammond for three years, respectively, as Trustees of said "First Congregational Society of Detroit."

Given under our hand and seals this 23d day of Dec., 1844.

In presence of
THEO. WILLIAMS.

ISRAEL COE, [Seal.]
JAMES G. CRANE, [Seal.]

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
WAYNE COUNTY. } SS.

On this twenty-fourth day of December, A. D. 1844, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally came, Israel Coe and James G. Crane, known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

THEO. WILLIAMS,
Justice of the Peace,
Wayne County, Mich.

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J. GRISWOLD,
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